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Historic pact to end Central America wars

Region's five presidents await vital US response

From Martha Honey, Guatemala City

Central America's five presidents gathered here last night to sign an historic peace agreement to end the civil wars now raging in Nicaragua and El Salvador.

The outline steps of the pact are based on a proposal made last February by President Oscar Arias of Costa Rica.

It could end much of the killing in the region, but a lot now depends on whether the Reagan Administration is hostile or friendly to the plan.

The final document calls for the establishment within the next fortnight of a foreign ministers' commission to implement the peace plan within 90 days.

The commission will tackle a number of thorny details on security, verification procedures, and the ending of foreign aid to the right-wing Nicaraguan Contras and leftist Salvadorean guerrillas. This means that the peace plan will be fully inacted within 105 days, instead of the 60 envisaged in the original Arias proposal.

Washington – President Reagan announced yesterday that he would make a long-awaited speech to the nation on the Iran-Contra affair next Wednesday (Reuter reports). He announced the speech after making a televised statement on the economy in the White House press room.

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The presidents have agreed to start simultaneously the three most controversial provisions: a ceasefire in the Nicaraguan and Salvadorian conflicts, a block on US assistance to the Contras and Eastern bloc backing to the Salvadorian rebels, and a process of democratic reforms in Nicaragua.

At the start of the summit on Thursday, the leaders quickly agreed to set aside an alternative plan presented on Wednesday by President Reagan, and to concentrate instead on the Arias proposals.

The first announcement that the presidents had reached a unanimous agreement came, ironically, in Washington, from the Speaker of the US House of Representatives, Mr James Wright. He received a call at 4.30 am yesterday from the Costa Rican Ambassador to Washington, Signor Guido Fernandez, an active participant in the peace negotiations.

Central American officials close to the summit say the plan calls for the simultaneous implementation of a ceasefire, an end to US aid to the Contras, and beginning of Democratic reforms in Nicaragua. It also outlines a specific time-table for setting up an international verification committee, amnesty for government opponents, a schedule of elections, and restoration of press freedom, full rights to political dissent, and other civil liberties in Nicaragua.

● WASHINGTON: The US reacted cautiously to the news of the Central American agreement (Michael Binyon writes).

The State Department said it understood that agreement had been reached in principle, but the full details had yet to be worked out.

The White House, whose own hastily-designed plan was clearly intended as an alternative to the proposal of President Oscar Arias, appeared to hope yesterday that the final outcome could still include elements of the US plan.

"We won't prejudge conclusions. We'll wait and see what the outcome is," said spokesman Mr Marlin Fitzwater.

The swift announcement from Central America appears to have taken Washington by surprise, and puts the Administration in a difficult position. President Reagan had to be pressed to to make as many concessions as he did in seeking a negotiated settlement in Nicaragua, and it will be difficult for him to swallow the Arias plan without the guarantees of democracy in Nicaragua that he is calling for.

If he does not welcome and embrace the agreement, he will be accused of having put forward his own initiative simply as a ploy to persuade Congress to vote for more funds for the Contras next month. But if he does agree to the plan, conservatives here will be furious that the Contras have not had a say

Interim rule for Tamils

From Gavin Bell, Colombo

President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka is planning to appoint an interim administration in the troubled Northern and Eastern provinces.

Despite a partial surrender of arms by Tamil guerrillas, the fate of India's initiative to resolve the island's ethnic conflict remains uncertain.

A formidable array of obstacles has still to be overcome before a durable peace is even remotely assured in the provinces, where Tamil militants have been agitating for a separate state.

But Mr Jayewardene is convinced he can quell vociferous and occasionally violent opposition to the compromise settlement, and implement it by the end of this year.

In his first interview since signing last week's controversial accord with Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Jaywardene told *The Times* yesterday that he intended to appoint the interim administration within a few days.

He confirmed that it was Mr Gandhi who acted to break the deadlock at the beginning of this month.

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Irish again reject extradition papers

By Richard Ford

A second set of documents for the extradition of an Irish embassy official is expected in Dublin within 48 hours after Sir Thomas Hetherington, the Director of Public Prosecutions, denied that there were any errors in the original papers.

The first set was returned by the Garda. It included a warrant for the extradition of Mr Kevin McDonald, who it is alleged was involved in selling passports. The papers, for Mr McDonald's extradition from the Irish Republic to England, were sent back after the Garda claimed to have discovered factual discrepancies in affidavits.

It is understood that the extradition warrant was valid, but that the format in which the documents were presented caused problems. The warrant was the first issued since new extradition arrangements were introduced last year after Miss Evelyn Glenholmes, a Provisional IRA suspect, was freed by a court in the Irish Republic.

Sir Thomas said in astatement: "The Director wishes to make it clear that the Irish authorities are in agreement with him that there is no error in the content of the documents which have been sent to Dublin, and we are discussing between us the format and presentation of these documents".

Officials said that although Whitehall was taken aback that the Irish should object to the format in which the documents were presented, the fact that the Garda pointed this out before the extradition case reached the court indicated that they were trying to be helpful. The warrant was prepared when it became clear that Mr McDonald, aged 37, was unwilling to surrender himself to British authorities after returning to Dublin last week from a visit to the United States.

Mr McDonald is believed to be staying at a house in Ashbourne, Co Meath. Mr McDonald is alleged to have sold Irish passports for up to £15,000 while employed as a passport officer at the London embassy.

Mr McDonald apparently changed his mind this week about returning voluntarily to London, and he is now to exercise his constitutional right to contest any extradition attempt, which means the matter will not be settled until early autumn.

● Four foreign nationals appeared in court in London on Thursday on charges of passport forgery and conspiracy to steal, and were remanded until September 7.

Pakistan on road to history



Striking a blow: Javed Miandad hitting John Emburey for six at the Oval yesterday.

Miandad's 260 makes series safe for tourists

By Alan Lee

Pakistan's first cricket series victory in England was confirmed in all but the formalities at the Oval yesterday when their senior players banished any logical possibility of defeat in the final Cornhill Test match.

Javed Miandad, 131 not out overnight, almost doubled his score and batted more than 10 hours for 260, making him only the seventh batsman to record four Test double centuries. Further centuries came from Salim Malik and Imran Khan, the captain in his final Test, as Pakistan amassed 616 for six, their highest score against England.

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Pakistan, 1-0 ahead in the series, now seem completely safe, but Imran remained cautious last night. He said: "I have played too long to make any brave statements about it being over yet."

Imran's 118 was his fourth Test century in what he still insists will be his farewell Test. He is aware of the growing pressure from within his own team for him to stay on. But he said: "I still think the right time for me to retire is after the World Cup. That, at least, is the way I am feeling right now."

Owen supporters start fight to keep SDP title

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Supporters of Dr David Owen swiftly launched a campaign yesterday to maintain in existence a social democratic party with him as its leader and provoked fury in the victorious pro-merger group in the SDP.

In the wake of Dr Owen's unexpected resignation after his party's vote for merger, the SDP was immediately thrown into renewed turmoil.

Mrs Rosie Barnes, the MP for Greenwich, wrote to SDP members asking them to state whether they wanted to remain members of the SDP and send donations to a "Support the SDP" fund.

She told them that Dr Owen was to continue to lead the "Campaign for Social Democracy". She spoke of continuing the fight.

Although she talked of securing an overturning of the ballot after the negotiations on merger, she also appeared to be laying claim to the title "SDP" for any new party formed if the merger does eventually go ahead.

Mrs Barnes's letter, written after a meeting on Thursday of the anti-merger members of the national committee, including Dr Owen, caused outrage last night among the SDP mergerites.

Mr Alec McGivan, who organized the SDP's "Yes to Unity" campaign, said the SDP had taken a democratic decision and Mrs Barnes's letter was a deliberate attempt to undermine it.

"They are appealing for members; they are appealing for money. They are trying to set up an organization which will be the groundwork for the creation of a new political party.

"We consider this to be quite unacceptable given the fact that the SDP as a party is going through a democratic process, of which yesterday was the first step.

"The whole tone of Mrs Barnes's letter is that they are the SDP. But the SDP is its membership, 57 per cent of which have said they want to negotiate a merger with the Liberals."

The new clash came as Dr Owen's declared intention of going it alone, presumably in a new organization, was criticized and ridiculed by some of his former Alliance colleagues.

Mr David Alton, the Liberal chief whip, said it was fantasy to think that any fourth party would have a realistic chance of survival. History was littered with leaders who went out into the wilderness and waited for the call, he said.

But the determination of Dr Owen and his backers to

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Lawson's pay bill victory

By Our Chief Political Correspondent

The Treasury has scored a significant Whitehall victory by winning back responsibility for managing the Civil Service's £5 billion pay bill.

In a shake-up of the management of the Civil Service, the Prime Minister has decided that the functions of the Management and Personnel Office bearing directly on manpower, pay and conditions of service are to be transferred to the Treasury.

The MPO, which is in the Cabinet Office, was set up in November 1981 when the Civil Service Department was abolished.

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has therefore won back for the Treasury control which it lost in 1968 when the Civil Service Department was set up.

The MPO, which has a staff of 1,085, is being effectively wound up and reconstituted as the office of the Minister for the Civil Service, which is to continue as a sub-department of the Cabinet Office.

Seventy MPO posts are being transferred to the Treasury and some posts are to be lost.

The aim of the changeover was said to be to achieve greater efficiency in the service but it was being seen as an acknowledgement that the new arrangements introduced in 1981 had failed.

The future of the head of the MPO, Miss Ann Mueller, who is ranked as a second permanent secretary, has yet to be determined, it was said.

A senior official said that the dividing line between the Treasury and the MPO had become blurred.

● Civil Service union leaders last night did not consider the change would alter in any significant way their dealings with Whitehall.

Mr John Ellis, general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association, said: "This move may even be logical given that the Treasury has so much control over funds.

A rusty regatta waits to sail into Gulf danger

From Robert Fisk, over the Gulf of Oman, off Khor Fakkan

"This is US warship. Request you remain two nautical miles from US warships. Over." We could not even see the three American-registered oil tankers and their four US naval escorts when we announced our helicopter's presence over the dawn sea. But the voice on the radio – a clipped, East Coast accent – retained its unnecessary anonymity. "US warship. Roger. Out."

When we saw them spread across four square miles of gentle swell – the three tankers in V-shaped formation, the four warships at equidistant points around them – they looked set for a naval regatta rather than a politically and militarily hazardous voyage up the Gulf to Kuwait.

The great foreign tankers lying across the some with steam up, others riding the tide for masters' orders, were somehow familiar, faint echoes of those great convoys that set off through the Western Approaches 46 years ago.

Given the controversy that surrounds them, the three newly-registered American vessels – the Gas King, Sea Isle City and Ocean City – are unremarkable symbols of Washington's political determination in the Gulf: ill-painted, somewhat rusty, the American flag still not affixed to their sterns. The US warships Kidd, Fox and Valley Forge lay line astern and abeam of them, another American vessel standing picket.

There was a small but sudden bright, golden light on the deck of the Valley Forge and an illumination rocket moved gracefully up over the sea, then drifted untidily back towards the waves. "This is US warship." The anonymous East Coast mariner was back in our headsets. "You are inside two nautical miles. Request you clear, over." Coming up at us from the Valley Forge was a big anti-submarine helicopter, an SSH 60B.

It came alongside, its crew staring at us from behind their dark-glass visors, a lone hand gesturing slowly in a direction away from the tiny armada. The Americans will have to place great confidence in the helicopter in the coming weeks as it flies up to 200 miles in front of its frigate, cradling sonar devices, sending its own radar images back to the unseen mother ship.

There was an element of theatre about it all, this neat little configuration of high-riding, empty tankers and their grey escorts, lying in the hot sea.

Around 9 o'clock a sleeker warship with a long, flat funnel and Exocet missile launchers on her decks, sailed slowly across the rear of the tiny convoy. A British frigate of the Armilla patrol – probably HMS Active – keeping the sort of discreet distance from America's latest political gamble that Mrs Thatcher would approve of, at least one nautical mile from the nearest American ship. No more, it seemed, than a friendly observer.

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Another £7bn off shares as slide continues

By Ray Heath

Stock market prices reeled again yesterday from the unexpected one-point rise to 10 per cent in bank base rates, announced on Thursday. At one time, more than £10 billion had been wiped off the value of shares quoted on London's International Stock Exchange.

Any hopes that the dose of interest rate medicine prescribed by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and administered by the Bank of England, might restore already declining confidence in share price values were dashed as soon as trading screens lit up.

Investors large and small moved to protect the profits they have piled up during the big bull run seen throughout the early months of the year.

As they unleashed a wave of selling orders, the *Financial Times*-Stock Exchange 100 share index plunged a record 65 points to 2,196.4, extending Thursday's previous largest fall of 56 points.

At that point, the value of shares quoted on the Stock Exchange had been reduced by a further £10 billion.

Signs that the worst was over began to appear at lunchtime as the selling steadied, and the index recovered to show a 28.2 fall, but continuing nervousness about the economic indicators to be revealed next week took over again later and the market closed with it showing a 35.2 fall at 2,226.2. This represented a fall of around £7 billion in share price values.

The end of the day centred on some very negative records for British share prices. Yesterday saw the largest amount of individual deals reported to the Stock Exchange – 58,000, compared with 48,000 on Thursday.

The volume of share turnover reported during the day was 923 million, and the 112,000 price changes marked was easily the largest figure ever. The previous day's total of 104,000 was also a peak.

The 134.7 fall in the FT-SE index this week is the largest ever, as is the 120.7 fall on the two-week trading account.

The opening surge of business threatened to overwhelm Stock Exchange computers for the second day running. Price changes were being recorded up to a minute late, compared with the usual four or five seconds.

A further 100 point fall in the FT-SE 100 index could be needed before the present fall in share prices levels out, according to Mr Peter Thompson, an analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker.

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Two weeks ago, Mr Thompson sent shivers round the stock market when he suggested that the end of the seven-year rise in share prices that have carried them to records was in sight.

The Chancellor's move to stop the economy overheating was felt by home owners as the Halifax Building Society announced it was scrapping plans announced two days ago to cut its interest rates from 11.25 per cent to 10.8 per cent for existing borrowers, bringing them into line with the rate for new applicants.

Government stocks took the rise in interest rates calmly. Falls were limited to around one half to three quarters of a point, and the FT Government Securities Index dropped from 86.42 to 85.94.

The rise in banks' base rates did nothing to reverse the recent weakness of sterling against the dollar.

Against the dollar it ended at $1.5675 after 1.5750 on Thursday and 1.5910 a week ago.

Rainy summer costs fruit farmers millions

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The wet summer has produced one of the most dismal fruit crops on record and has cost growers millions of pounds in lost revenue.

Owners of pick-your-own orchards have been particularly hard hit, facing a double-blow of poor crops and few visitors.

Professor Terry Swinburn, director of the Institute of Horticultural Research at East Malling, Kent, said some raspberry growers had lost nine-tenths of their crops. Cherries had also been badly affected since mid-July.

The director of the horticultural division of the National Farmers' Union, Mr John Malcolm, said plums had been damaged by rain, and mildew was widespread in fruit generally.

Vegetables and cereal crops have also been affected by the weather, and growers fear autumn fruit will be at risk unless there is considerably more sunshine in the next few weeks.

● The second of this year's three annual crop reports, compiled by *The Times* from farming questionnaires, will be published on Monday

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Money hints

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Portfolio

● There is £12,000 to be won today in the Times Portfolio Gold competition – the £8,000 weekly prize and the daily £4,000. Portfolio list, page 27, weekly check page 32.
● Yesterday's £8,000 prize, double the usual amount as there was no winner the day before, was won by a Hertfordshire reader. Details, page 3.

Exam results

Degree results from Brunel University will be published on Monday.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Shipyard told to submit lower bid

The Clyde shipyard of Scott Lithgow was last night given seven days to submit a lower bid in an attempt to keep a multi-million pound contract to build three vessels for the Royal Navy.

A delegation from the yard was told at a meeting with Mr Tim Sainsbury, Under Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, that its revised bid of £13.8 million was still too high.

The contract is considered vital to the future of the yard on which 2,000 people depend for jobs and where other work is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

The yard, a subsidiary of Trafalgar House, originally agreed to build two barges and a range of mooring vessels for about £15 million, but the Ministry of Defence has said that a more realistic price is about £10 million.

Mr Sainsbury said that all shipyards capable of building the vessels would be invited to tender for the contract if Scott Lithgow could not lower its price.

Tribute to Astaire

Performers from West End musicals and Broadway productions will join new dance hopefuls at a gala performance in a tribute to Fred Astaire at the United Kingdom Dance Design Championships on August 27.

The proceeds will go to the Terrence Higgins Trust, the Aids counselling charity. The programme will include performances from the casts of *Chess*, *Time*, *High Society* and *La Cage Aux Folles*.

Rapist leaflets

Police hunting a multiple rapist are sending a hand-delivered leaflet and book to more than 2,500 homes offering women advice on how to protect themselves.

The rapist, in Notting Hill, west London, has been carrying out attacks since 1982.

Detectives are making use of the 42 Neighbourhood Watch schemes in the area which will help to deliver the books and leaflets, giving a description of the rapist.

The Queen's apology

The Queen officially opened Britain's newest oilfield in the North Sea yesterday and apologized for being late.

The Clyde field, which has been developed by Britoil and its joint partners, Shell and Esso, should have been inaugurated in June but the engagement was cancelled because of the general election.

The Queen performed the task from Britoil's headquarters in Glasgow by pressing a button that unveiled a commemorative plaque on the Clyde platform, which is 200 miles off the east coast of Scotland.

The Clyde field has cost £550 million to develop and will produce 50,000 barrels a day at its peak.

Actress's £52,000



Pat Phoenix, the actress, — better known as *Coronation Street's* Elsie Tanner — left an estate valued at £52,588 when she died of lung cancer last September, but no will.

She married the actor Anthony Booth in a bedside ceremony at the Alexander Hospital in Cheadle, Cheshire, just six days before she died, aged 61.

She left *Coronation Street* in 1984 after more than 22 years in the role. Hundreds of fans attended her funeral in Manchester.

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Reporters get guide

The National Union of Journalists has drawn up guidelines on the reporting of industrial disputes designed to restore "public confidence" in newspapers which it claims has been undermined by the "manipulation of the press by employers for political and commercial reasons".

Alleged breaches of the guidelines will lead to an investigation by the union's ethics council. A journalist could face disciplinary proceedings if he is judged to have broken the code.

According to the union, substandard reporting of industrial disputes stems from bias arising from editorial policy, from the production process or from the individual journalist.

Major is suspended in assault inquiry

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

Serious charges may be laid against a number of soldiers from the 1st Battalion the King's Own Scottish Borderers after complaints about two separate incidents said to be of assault.

A soldier and the parents of another member of the battalion complained officially about the alleged assaults and the Army's Special Investigations Branch (SIB) began a full inquiry.

The commanding officer of the battalion, Lieutenant-Colonel Robin Hulf, has taken the unusual step of suspending the company commander, an unnamed major, while the investigation is under way.

The battalion is on a two-year tour of duty in West Berlin, although the alleged assaults took place in February in Colchester, Essex, where the soldiers were stationed before they were posted to Germany in March.

The Army admitted yesterday that the complaints involved serious allegations, although it is understood that none of the alleged victims had to receive treatment in hospital.

Army officials emphasized yesterday that the major had been suspended because of the nature of the allegations against members of the company for which he was responsible. There was no suggestion that he was involved in incidents of assault.

The SIB began its investigation two months ago. The Ministry of Defence said that it did not know when the inquiries would be completed.

According to sources, other allegations have been made during the investigation which are now being examined.

An Army spokeswoman said: "We're determined to establish the facts as quickly as possible".

The Army said that the suspended major was not facing disciplinary action and would remain on the strength of the unit in West Berlin during the SIB investigation.

One Army source said: "The fact that the commanding officer of the battalion has decided to suspend the company commander from duty indicates the seriousness of the complaints. The inquiry could result in charges."

The Army has always taken a very strong position on bullying, emphasizing that any allegations would be thoroughly investigated.

Three months ago, General Sir David Mostyn, the Army's Adjutant General, said at an annual meeting of 200 senior commanders that supervision and monitoring of training of all recruits and young servicemen should be improved to ensure that there was no bullying.

'Americans could tell us how to run the arts'

By Ruth Gledhill

Sir Kenneth Cork, the former deputy chairman of the Arts Council who resigned three weeks ago, has called for a restructuring of arts financing in Britain.

Sir Kenneth, who became a member of the Arts Council in 1985 and was appointed deputy chairman only last year, said yesterday that he had resigned to conduct his campaign from the outside for a full inquiry into arts funding in Britain.

Speaking from his coastal holiday cottage, Sir Kenneth, a former chairman of the Royal Shakespeare Company, said: "We have got to take a new look at the way the arts are financed and the sort of Arts Council we want.

"I would like to see a first class firm of American consultants brought in to study the arts and what kind of organization we want to run the arts in Britain.

"We need a different sort of Arts Council. It was perfectly all right when it started. Today, it needs to be more entrepreneurial. It needs to be able to promote the arts and to take financial stakes in successful productions like *Les Miserables*.

"Having left the Arts Council I feel more free to talk about what needs to be done."

Sir Kenneth was repeating many of the recommendations he made in his report published last year, entitled Theatre is for All and known in the arts world as the Cork Report.

It set out a radical new blueprint for theatrical finance and called for a restructuring of subsidized and commercial theatre as well as the Arts Council.

He said one of his main concerns was that the current spending squeeze in the arts was channelling all spare funds to the larger, national companies at the expense of the smaller companies.

"Talk of incentive funding is a start. But it is difficult to persuade industry to finance the smaller companies because they get nothing for their money."

He plans to start talks with Mr Richard Luce, the Minister for the Arts, and other members of Parliament on his return from holiday.

Sir Kenneth said: "I also resigned to spend more time with the Royal Shakespeare Company.

"The RSC has been having a difficult financial time. I am its president and I want to spend time helping the company to raise more money."

He said his resignation was "in no way" a criticism of Sir William Rees-Mogg, chairman of the Arts Council or of Mr Luke Rittner, the secretary general.

Sir Kenneth said: "The Arts Council as it is has members representing every shade of the arts.

"We need these people on advisory committees rather than on management committees.

Coach plunge death

A coach carrying 43 children plunged 40ft down an embankment near Castle Bromwich, West Midlands, yesterday after the driver had a heart attack.

The driver, Mr John McGranaham, of High Bentham, North Yorkshire, died. None of the children was seriously injured. Two of the party of girls from St Hilda's Church of England School at Aigburth in Liverpool were treated in hospital for minor injuries

● Tributes were paid yesterday to a lorry driver who chased a coach at Ripley, Derbyshire, to tell the driver that a wheel was on fire. Mr Malcolm Allsop, aged 46, of Canterbury Road, Wirksworth, Derbyshire, flashed his lights, sounded his horn and called for help on the emergency waveband on his CB radio.



Mrs Reade, supported by her husband and son, sprinkles earth on her daughter's coffin.

Moors murder victim's funeral

Grief and tears in the rain

By Ian Smith

Her mind numbed by grief, Mrs Joan Reade leaned heavily on the protective arms of her husband and son as the moment she has prayed for and dreaded arrived yesterday and her daughter Pauline was buried.

An ocean of sympathy engulfed the gaunt figure in black as she was supported towards the altar of St Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic church within sight of her home in the Gorton district of Manchester.

Her eyes stared ahead, fixed on the coffin carried on the shoulders of six pall bearers. Inside lay the daughter she last saw alive, aged 16, when she kissed her mother goodbye on the doorstep and set off to meet friends at a social club dance near by.

Pauline never arrived at the dance. Instead she was abducted by Ian Brady and Myra Hindley, misused and abused and then murdered.

Her body was hidden in a shallow peat soil grave on Saddleworth Moor in the dead of night. It lay there for more than two decades until Det Chief Supt Peter Topping took a police search team on the moors in an attempt to solve the mystery of her disappearance.

Once an outgoing member of the close knit Gorton community, Mrs Reade is now a mental hospital in-patient; the disappearance of her daughter had destroyed her mind as well as her health.

Close by the cortege were relatives of other moors murder victims; Mrs Ann West whose 10-year-old daughter's body was the first to be discovered on the moor and the father of John Kilbride whose grave was just a stone's throw away.

Weeping as she watched Mrs Reade's slow progress up the church aisle was Mrs Winifred Johnson. For so many years the two women were bonded in the grief of their childrens' disappearance and the hope that they would one day be found.

The nightmare is now finally over for Mrs Reade, her husband, Amos, and son, Paul. For Mrs Johnson it continues as a spectre which will haunt her every moment until Mr Topping finds the body of her son, Keith Bennett, for whom he and nine Tactical Aid group members are now searching daily.

Floral tributes yesterday carried messages of immense sympathy. Neighbours had clubbed together to provide a spray of white carnations fashioned into heavenly gates, Mr Topping and his search team arrived with pink and white carnations fashioned into a crucifix.

Most moving of all was the wreath sent by Mrs Ann West and her husband Alan, which read "To Pauline — a little flower not made to bud on earth but to blossom in heaven. Rest in peace."

Father Robert Doherty conducted both the church and graveside services which he told the congregation had been denied to Pauline. Her funeral was a unique and sad occasion, Father Doherty said, but it was also a time for celebration and thanksgiving.

The girl denied a proper burial for so many years had now been finally laid to rest.

Leaders start to thin out

At the end of round four of the British chess championship in Swansea the number of leaders had fallen to four (Our Chess Correspondent writes).

Surprises included an oversight by grandmaster Jonathan Mestel, who allowed himself to be "mated", and a victory by young Michael Adams who beat the grandmaster Jim Plaskett when Plaskett exceeded the time limit.

Meanwhile, the reigning champion, grandmaster Jonathan Speelman, slipped further behind when he was held to a draw by James Howell, the young North country player.

Results round four: Bellin 0, Short 1; Mestel 0, Wells 1; Gallagher 0, Hodgson 1; Adams 1, Plaskett 0; King ½, Pein ½; Pritchell ½, Motwani ½; Ivanov 1, Gennell 0; Speelman ½, Howell ½; Ward 0, Rogers 1; Levitt ½, Holmes D ½; McNab 1, Agnos 0; Conquest 1, Lane 0; Rossiter 0, Thomas 1; McDonald 1, Quinlan 0; Botterill 1, Upton 0; Crawley 1, Kemp 0; Zeidler 0, Martin 1; Hennigan 1, Wilmoth 0; McCarthy 0, Hergott 1; Dunnington 1, Buckley 0; Sampson 1, Muir 0; Holmes R 1, Coleman 0; Franklin ½, Nicholson ½; Kinsman 1, Osborne 0; Way 0, Dunworth 1; Shuter 0, Carton 1.

Unfinished: Lawton v Gayson, Copland v Emms, and Saibe-Thipsay v Wise.

Unfinished games round three: Wells 1, Upton 0; Howell 1, Dunnington 0; Gayson ½, Crawley ½; McCarthy 0, Ward 1.

Leading scores: Adams, Hodgson, Short and Wells 3½ out of 4.

Conquest, Ivanov, King, McNab, Motwani, Pein, Pritchett, Rogers and Thomas 3.

British Ladies championship round four: Forbes ½, Christopher ½; Milligan 0, Giulian 1; Coull 1, Condie 0; Chatraborty ½, Bruce ½; Agrawal ½, Rogers ½; Jackson ½, Spiller ½; Jones 1, Karel 0.

Leading scores: Miss Forbes 3½ out of 4; Miss Coull and Miss Giulian 3.

● Britain's John Nunn is the joint leader in the world chess championship qualifier in Szirak, Hungary.

Nunn and Johann Hjartarson (Iceland) both have 11 points, with Vladimir Salov (USSR) and Lajos Portisch (Hungary) on 10½ points.

Nunn needs to retain a place in the top three to qualify for the candidates' tournament, the last stage of the competition before the championship proper.

Mercury seeks phone boxes

By Colin Narbrough

Mercury, the telecommunications company formed to compete with the privatized British Telecom, has formally asked the industry's watchdog to allow it to set up public call boxes.

If given the go-ahead, Mercury would like to open booths in public places where there is a high demand for telephones, such as big railway stations and airports.

As yet, the company has no telephone box design, but its electric blue and black logo strongly suggests a colour scheme.

The move to create an alternative for users of public call boxes comes after widespread criticism that BT has neglected that part of its service since it was privatized, failing to repair and service boxes adequately.

Mr Gordon Owen, Mercury's managing director, said he hoped Professor Bryan Carsberg, director general of the Office of Telecommunications, would recognize the need for competition.

Mercury would not ignore less lucrative sites. All options would be looked at on their commercial merit, Mr Owen said.

To emphasize the service element, Mercury plans next month to issue criteria on which it wants its performance to be judged, including installation times, the frequency of breakdowns, the response to faults, and repair times.

The company, a subsidiary of the international telecommunications group Cable and Wireless, is already seriously challenging BT in the market for business telephone traffic, and is bidding for a share of the residential market.

● A telephone system for the deaf which displays messages on television screens will collapse unless £80,000 is donated. Mr Jack Ashley, the Labour MP, says British Telecom should help, but the company wants the Government to come up with the money.

Brittan attacks inner city drive

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Leon Brittan, the former Conservative Cabinet minister, yesterday criticized the Government's policies for the regions and its concentration since the general election on the difficulties of the inner cities.

Mr Brittan, for whom regional policy was a priority before his resignation as Secretary of State for Trade and Industry during the Westland affair, said that if the Government concentrated exclusively on the inner cities it would give the impression it did not really understand the problems of the North of England and Scotland.

He said the "divisions and imbalances" in the economy were not primarily related to the problems of the inner cities, important though those were.

In the regions, Mr Brittan said, traditional industries such as coal and steel had shrunk in size, considerably reduced their labour forces, but become more efficient.

The newer industries employed fewer people and often required new skills. The combination of developments had led to "tragically high levels of unemployment", but it also presented great opportunities and challenges.

"Above all, it is a phenomenon quite separate from the classical cycle of deprivation observed in the past in so many American cities and in part reproduced in our own cities", Mr Brittan said.

"I welcome the vigorous way in which that cycle of deprivation is now being tackled, so long as it does not obscure the fact that the problem of regional disparities is a wider one."

In the North, the problems of an economy being restructured were to be found in pit villages and small industrial towns.

In Scotland, to speak of inner city problems missed the point altogether. In Glasgow there had been considerable success in regenerating the city centre and the real problems were to be found most often on the outskirts, where people were decanted from the centre.

Mr Brittan said: "Unless we show that we fully understand how the nature of urban and semi-urban problems differs from one part of the country to another, the Government's concern will not ring true in the North and in Scotland.

"We must certainly tackle the problems of the inner cities, but we must also look beyond them and carve out distinctive regional policies which recognize the extent of the imbalance between different parts of the country and not just the imbalance between inner cities and the rest."

Sunday Times

All eyes are now on Dr David Owen after his decision to resign as leader of the SDP. What is his personal and political future? Can he hope to hold his party together? How does he view his former allies?

In tomorrow's *Sunday Times* Owen answers these questions in a candid, exclusive article in which he pledges to fight on.

He calls for an amicable divorce as the SDP majority and the Liberals follow their chosen path to a merged party, and promises to continue his struggle for a social democratic road.

Owen, however, pulls no punches in comments on some of his former colleagues, such as Roy Jenkins.

The Sunday Times also presents the first extract from its exclusive serialization of a controversial new biography of the composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein.

Author Joan Peyser examines the many contradictions, including the sexual ambivalence, of the man renowned for writing *West Side Story*.

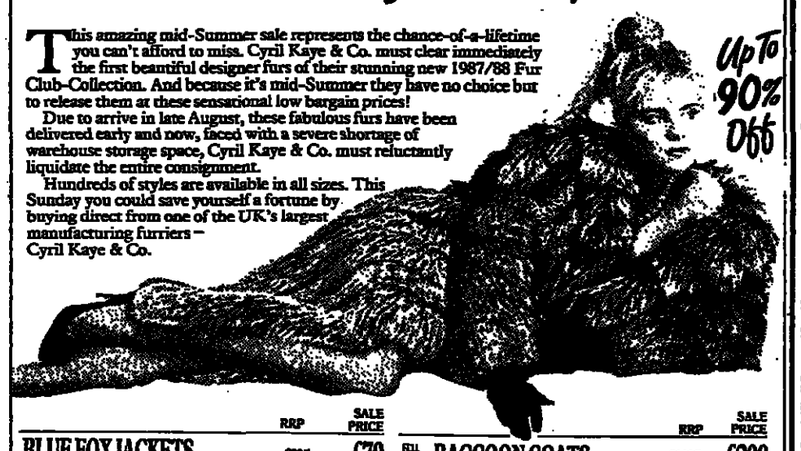
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British-built cars are back with 50% of home market

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

For the first time in almost a decade, more than half the new cars bought in Britain have been built in the UK.

The precise figure for the year to July is a 50.08 per cent share of the market for UK-built models.

There are no imported models among the top 10 best selling models. But there is increasing confusion among car buyers over which models are British.

Vauxhalls and Fords built on the Continent are accepted as home products and Japanese and French models produced in UK car plants are still judged to be foreign.

By the end of the year a Nissan Bluebird built in Sunderland will have a higher UK content by value than the rival Vauxhall Astra and Cavalier models.

The Vauxhalls are widely accepted as "British" by fleet car managers who buy half of all new cars sold in Britain. But the Nissan will have a British-made engine and gearbox while the Cavalier's engine is imported from Australia or Brazil and the gearbox is Japanese.

Peugeot models built at Ryton, Coventry, from largely French components still achieve a 65 per cent UK content because car makers are able to include everything from labour costs to rates and toilet paper when determining the British share of the ex-factory value. Without a single British component, a car built in a UK factory could claim a 48 per cent UK content.

The top 10 best selling models for the first seven months of 1987 range from being almost totally British to just half home made.

Company car drivers have been given increasing freedom to choose foreign cars as the tax burden employees have to pay for driving a car supplied by an employer has risen. Company cars in large fleets account for more than half the 1.88 million new cars registered each year.

UK's best selling new cars with their percentage of UK content

1	Ford Escort	83
2	Ford Fiesta	70
3	Ford Sierra	83
4	Austin/MG Metro	97
5	Vauxhall Cavalier	50-55
6	Vauxhall Astra	50-55
7	Ford Orion	83
8	Austin/MG Montego	95
9	Rover 200 series	82
10	Austin/MG Maestro	95

UK content by ex-factory value (per cent)

The executive car sector is dominated by German-built cars, with the imported Ford Granada and Vauxhall Carlton first and third. The Swedish Volvo is the second best selling model in the class, while the Rover 800 is back in fourth place.

A new car's nationality is increasingly difficult to determine. One in five Ford Fiestas, Escorts and Sierras are built on the Continent, all Vauxhall Novas come from Spain as do a number of Japanese Suzuki jeeps.

Conversely all Honda Legend executive models are built by Austin Rover at Cowley, with several thousand smaller Honda models being produced alongside Rovers at Longbridge.

As the car industry becomes more international, Ford has said that it is not possible to make every model in each important market. Britain will soon make most of Ford's petrol and diesel engines for the company's European car plants.

Ford aims to build 75 per cent of the new models sold in Britain this year with the Ford badge at the Dagenham and Halewood plants, a performance not bettered for 10 years. It is seven years since Vauxhall reached the target it has set itself this year of a 70 per cent UK share of sales.

The substitution of British-built cars for imports and record exports of Jaguars and Range Rovers in 1987 should help reduce the country's rising motor industry trade deficit, which rose last year from £2.7 billion to £3.9 billion.



Simple pleasures: Mrs Taylor reading cards from well-wishers after her sight was restored at Derbyshire Royal Infirmary.

Blind wife sees again after 40 years

'Heaven knows what I must have looked like in a mini-skirt'

By Howard Foster

Mrs Judy Taylor, who has had her sight restored after 40 years, yesterday described her reaction when she saw her husband and two sons for the first time.

"They were almost exactly as I had imagined. My husband was handsome and the boys good-looking. It was one of the most emotional moments of my life", Mrs Taylor said. She found she could see again when nurses removed bandages from her eyes a few days ago after a cataract operation.

Although she had been told there would be no hope of restoring her sight since she went blind at the age of nine, she agreed to an operation to remove the deep-seated cataract in one eye.

The first hint that she could see again came when white-coated figures passed in front of her in the ward of her hospital in Derby.

Mrs Taylor, a teacher aged 49, said: "Everyone burst into tears when I said I could see".

Last night her parents visited her. They are in their 70s but were only in their 30s when their daughter was last able to see them.

"I somehow knew how my family would look, but I just cannot come to terms with the way people's faces change as their expressions alter. To see my husband smile is something quite wonderful", Mrs Taylor, of Mount Pleasant Drive, Belper, Derbyshire, said.

When she was growing up in post-war Britain, Churchill was the dominant political figure. Rationing was in force and she describes her last visual memories as being drab ones.

"I can remember steam trains as being beautiful things. The concept of the 125 high-speed train is strange. I cannot imagine how it will look to me. In the same way, I cannot conceive of what a helicopter or a jumbo jet looks like.

"One of the first things I should like to look at is Concorde. To me it is a loud noise but I have never seen its sleek lines.

"During the fifties and sixties I regarded myself as someone who had a keen fashion sense. I couldn't see what teddy boys wore or what flower-power clothes looked like, but I did wear trendy things myself. I have felt the clothes and, sometimes the hairstyles, but it will be fascinating to see them.

"I find it hard not to laugh out loud at people wearing skirts as I sit in my hospital bed because legs look so funny. Heaven knows what I must have looked like in a mini-skirt.

"As a child and in my early teens I went to the cinema and listened to television. I was a fan of Rita Hayworth and Anna Neagle but I haven't a clue what they looked like, they sounded nice", Mrs Taylor said.

"I have never seen a motorway or a multi-storey car park and I was spared the horrors of seeing all those 1960s concrete high-rise blocks going up everywhere.

"The real pleasures to come will be natural scenes – rolling seas and valleys and mountains. I always missed seeing the fountains in Trafalgar Square when I was a student in London, now I shall be able to see them."

She is expected to have a second operation to restore the sight to her other eye in the next eight weeks.

GCE boards deny head's charges

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

Examination boards yesterday attacked an independent school head for making "unfair" comments about the number of O level and A level candidates whose papers are wrongly marked.

At least 10 per cent of the papers regraded each year after requests from schools or parents are given a higher grade than at first.

Mr Martin Rogers, Chief Master of King Edward VI Boys' School in Birmingham and chairman of the Headmasters' Conference (the public schools' "trade union"), has said that thousands of pupils either fail or get a lower grade than they deserve because the boards make errors in marking and do not check papers carefully enough when they are asked to do so by schools and parents.

He said yesterday: "For every paper that is regraded after a request, there must be five others which should be regraded.

"When a result is obviously suspect, the boards will remark the papers at a fee of around £20, but in my view this process should produce far more upgradings than it does. The boards are too proud to admit they make errors."

Three years ago the top History A level group at King Edward VI Boys' School were all given C, D and E grades when their teachers confidently expected them to scoop up nothing but As and Bs.

"We knew all the grades were wrong, judging by the past performance of the group of boys and their teachers", Mr Rogers said. "We sent the whole group back to the Joint Matriculation Board for remarking, and only two boys were marked up a grade.

"Every school is familiar with this experience. The boards need to be far more careful. A lot of people's futures depend on them."

Mr Colin Vickerman, secretary of the JMB, said: "Mr Roger's comments are very unfair. We are not obliged to anyone to re-mark papers; it is a service we provide on request. Mr Rogers has no justification in suggesting that there is some kind of gigantic smokescreen."

Between 10 and 15 per cent of scripts are double checked either as part of a standard sampling system to check the performance of individual examiners, because they are borderline cases or because the examiner is new.

The Associated Examining Board has dropped the "borderline checking" system, however.

Mr George Turnbull, its spokesman, said that such a system meant one set of criteria being applied to those papers and another to those which fall between the grade borderlines.

He added: "The GCE examining system is the best assessed system I know of. I am very worried that Mr Rogers is making his statements without revealing where he is getting his information.

"If for every re-graded paper five others should have been graded up, presumably five others should have been graded down as well."

Healing is cleaner by mud pack

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

Patients treated in the spa town of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, will no longer benefit from the traditional process of having their arthritic joints bathed in local mud.

The Royal Bath Hospital, which specializes in rheumatology, has decided to abandon the messy system of collecting mud from fields near by and wrapping it into towels. Cheaper, odourless commercially packed mud will be used.

The hospital has promised to continue its practice of spraying patients down with Vichy water and giving them a back massage, although this too may soon be under review.

For more than 60 years the thick dark mud, called Fango, has been dug out of Harlow Car Gardens, heated in a boiler and then spooned into mud pies.

The steaming mud was then rolled into towels to form a poultice that was pressed on to the painful area.

Mr Peter Hill, general manager of Harrogate hospital, said that no other health district was using the old method. "Instead of using real Harrogate mud we will use an alternative that the majority of hospitals use. It is at least as effective."

Mrs Nancy Goldthorpe, a physiotherapist, said that staff working at the hospital were delighted with the change.

"It will be much less messy and quicker, and therefore save money. The patients might be upset but they do not understand that the new packs used for heat treatment are just as good at relieving pain."

Few admit influence of TV violence

By Ruth Gledhill

Television crime series evoke violent feelings in just 4 per cent of viewers, according to a report to be published by the Independent Broadcasting Authority later this year.

An IBA research department survey was completed by 3,000 people and only a small minority – representing about a million people in Britain – said they felt violent after watching programmes such as *Juliet Bravo* and *Dempsey and Makepeace*.

Nearly half of the people questioned failed to respond to the statement "Sometimes I can feel quite violent after watching crime programmes". Of the 1,800 who did respond, 4 per cent agreed with the statement.

An IBA spokesman said: "This does not mean that people go out and act on these feelings. Sometimes I feel quite violent after reading certain newspapers but I do not have to act on those feelings.

"It is no different to reaching for a box of tissues when a character dies in a soap opera. We would be more concerned if television evoked no emotional response.

"It came as no surprise to us that an exciting adventure programme should evoke an emotional response.

"It is important to remember that 96 per cent did not agree that they felt violent after watching crime programmes."

The report, *Violence on Television – What the Viewers Think*, by Mr Barrie Gunter, head of research at the IBA, contradicts opinion poll results which have indicated that 90 per cent of viewers believe there is too much violence on television.

Most people in the sample regarded the popular British and American crime series as "harmless entertainment".

Mrs Mary Whitehouse, of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, has written to the IBA.

Mrs Whitehouse says the IBA report "raises a fundamental and unavoidable challenge to all those involved in television".

She says that "for even one person to suffer adversely as the result of television violence is totally unacceptable". She has written in similar terms to the BBC.

Tunisia blast victim tells of ordeal

By Kerry Gill

Miss Helen Strocki, whose right foot was amputated after the Tunisian hotel bombing last Sunday, spoke yesterday about her ordeal.

She said she had just got up to dance with her two friends when the explosion occurred.

"I thought it was a speaker. I looked at my foot and my foot was hanging off. This man came over and tried to strap it back.

"I did not think it was mine. I just lay there and waited for help."

Miss Strocki, aged 28, was then put on a stretcher and taken to hospital.

Speaking at Ayr County Hospital, her voice barely audible, she said she was determined to return to as normal a life as possible.

"I will be able to get out and about. I am not going to give in to it. I have my own life to lead and if I slip back and do nothing I will just lie there". Miss Strocki, who lives with her widowed mother in the Ayrshire town of Maybole, said.

Asked what she thought about the bombing and the people who had done it, she replied: "I just think it is stupid that the innocent should suffer."

Miss Strocki said she had been well treated in the Tunisian hospital and, accompanied by Staff Nurse Sylvia Clark, she told the Press yesterday: "Sometimes I get a burning feeling in my leg. All the time my mother is really worried about me."

Mr Douglas Brown, consultant surgeon at Ayr County Hospital, said Miss Strocki was still drowsy after an uncomfortable night.

Mr Brown said that the Tunisian ambassador to Britain, Mr Hamadi Khouini, would visit Miss Strocki in hospital today.

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Cleveland care order is dropped

Social services yesterday dropped a care order action on a girl aged three on whom a diagnosis of sexual abuse had been made by Dr Marietta Higgs and Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, the paediatricians at the centre of the Cleveland child abuse controversy.

Mr Craig Boer, solicitor for the girl's parents, said afterwards: "This must be the first court case involving a conflict of medical evidence where they have dropped care proceedings altogether".

The diagnosis was made after the girl went to Middlesbrough General hospital on May 8 for a monthly check-up examination for asthma.

The girl was later checked by Dr Myles Clark, a Liverpool police surgeon, who found no sign of sexual abuse.

A juvenile court in Teesside was told yesterday that the care proceedings by Cleveland social services were not being pursued.

Six years for rescue hoaxer

The perpetrator of a costly mountain rescue hoax involving two RAF helicopters and more than 100 men was sentenced to six years' jail yesterday.

Inverness High Court was told that Mark Sinclair-Smith, a security guard aged 29, launched a needless rescue operation at Glencoe at Easter while wearing a Royal Navy lieutenant's uniform he had bought at a jumble sale.

He disguised his hired car to look like a naval vehicle and claimed over a two-way radio to be a naval commander in charge of a climbing party. He said one of his men had been injured in a fall.

Two RAF helicopters and more than 100 men took part in the subsequent search.

After a seven-day trial, the jury took 30 minutes to convict Sinclair-Smith of wasting police and the rescue team's time.

He was also found guilty of public mischief by wasting the time of military and civilian police at Edinburgh Castle, where he was detained in connection with the Glencoe hoax.

Still in naval uniform, he pretended he had been asked by the IRA to infiltrate British naval bases and knew where terrorist arms and explosives were hidden. As a result, bomb squad officers set up searches near Edinburgh and Fort William.

Sinclair-Smith, of Allans Court, Warmley, Bristol, told the court he wore the disguise because he was on the run from the police after stealing a cheque book and thought they would not suspect a naval officer.

Circles back again in UFO country

By Andrew Morgan

Unexplained symmetrical circles have reappeared in cornfields near the Westbury white horse in Wiltshire, close to celebrated prehistoric sites and the scene of many a UFO sighting.

The circles were first seen seven years ago and appeared every 12 months in the same fields, near Salisbury Plain, until last year when they were absent. This year, on cue, they are back with a vengeance, confounding any rational explanation.

The most concentrated group is on farmland belonging to Mr Peter Gale and his wife, Angela. The most prominent circle has a diameter of 25 yards, with four smaller circles around it.

The corn has been crushed flat with the tautness of thatch and it has not escaped residents that the shape resembles an H G Wells spacecraft.

Mrs Gale said: "I suppose it could be a practical joke, with people using ropes, but no footsteps have trodden down the corn elsewhere. It seems a freak of weather is more likely, but families have been here for generations and nobody saw the circles until 1980."

More mystery surrounds the circle on the land of Mr Geoff Cooper, where a flawless shape has appeared on the north side of the Bratton-Westbury road.

Mr Cooper's circle is particularly special because the grain has been crushed in an anti-clockwise direction.

Mr Cooper, aged 50, used to have several circles each year but he sold the most prolific circle land to the Gale family.

Mr Cooper said: "At first, we complained to the Army because we thought the helicopters were doing it on exercise. But they sent an expert round and he said a helicopter could only make that shape if it was flying upside down and stationary."

Mr Cooper listed local theories: herds of hedgehogs rotating in unison, with approximately 40,000 required; rutting deer, sadly out of season; pranksters who, inexplicably, missed out last year; or a freak of the weather.

Mr Bob Moger, aged 40 and farming adjoining land, has been confronted with a circle for the first time. He remains stumped. "In Africa, they call minor cyclones 'dust devils' but they suck up straw while the forces in Wiltshire are crushing", he said.

"The only safe comment is that little green men are not behind it."

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A tropical trip is so tempting

A school librarian from St Albans, in Hertfordshire, is the outright winner of the £8,000 prize in the Portfolio Gold competition.

Mrs Mary Caiger, of Spring Road, Kinsbourne Green, Harpenden, started entering Portfolio on its first day and, apart from holidays, has played ever since. It is the first time she has won any competition.

Mrs Caiger intends to discuss with her husband, Bert, and her teenage sons, Andrew, Philip and Robin how best to spend the money.

But it seems a holiday is most likely as the family did not go away last year.

"I think the West Indies would be high on our list. I wouldn't mind where, as long as it were hot and quiet and there was an isolated beach. If there is any money left, we will probably put it towards decorating the house", she said.

"I have been so diligent in entering the competition and never became disheartened when I saw people winning it for the fourth time."

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Driver jailed

Steven Gill, of Bromsgrove, West Midlands, was jailed for 18 months yesterday after he admitted causing the death by reckless driving of his girlfriend aged 21. He zigzagged across a dual carriageway at 100 mph before crashing into a tree.

No-go lights

Police had to switch off newly-installed traffic lights and direct motorists by hand after the new arrangement caused tailbacks up to a mile and a half on the A10, A47 and A17 at King's Lynn, Norfolk, yesterday.

Death charge

Detective Sergeant James Haddow has been suspended from duty and charged with drinking and driving and causing death by reckless driving after a crash in which Mr Frank Gerard, of Newick, East Sussex, was killed.

Baby dumped

A new-born girl was in intensive care in the Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales, last night after being found in a plastic bag dumped on waste ground in nearby Pentrebach.

Hospital shut

A hospital at Rainsworth, Nottinghamshire, with 48 psychiatric patients is closing this weekend because mining subsidence has damaged walls and shifted floors.

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WOULD YOU BUY A USED CAR FROM THIS MAN?

Militant Hatton set for Arthur Daley deal

MILITANT-turned-model Derek Hatton is planning to expand his capitalist empire.

The Left-wing ex-deputy leader of Liverpool Council wants to open a new business in the centre of the city. It will include a showroom for selling used cars.

His plan is likely to be accepted, but [illegible] Co-operative Society and [illegible] disqualified from the council, started the firm after he was made redundant.

[illegible] president of [illegible] him for many years. I know the line of work he is in and knew the building space was there. We thought it would [illegible] the Labour move[illegible]



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Greater role in education earmarked for industry

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

Employers are to be given an important role in controlling courses, staff and the budgets of further education colleges, the Government announced in a consultative paper issued yesterday.

The Government has already proposed to take polytechnics and larger colleges out of the control of local authorities and to fund them by direct grants from the Department of Education and Science. It has now set out in detail its plans to reduce to little more than a strategic planning role local authority control over 400 smaller further education colleges.

Local authority representation on the governing bodies of these colleges, which cater for more than 1.8 million students, is to be cut from more than half to one-fifth. Under the new Education Bill to be put to Parliament this autumn, at least half the governors will in future be chosen from local business, industry, the professions and other employers and employment interests, including trade unions.

These are, the consultative paper says, the groups "with the strongest interest in the quality of the institution's provision". Colleges will "benefit from a wide range of experience and expertise".

Local authority nominees would be excluded from holding the chairmanship of the governing body, and, the consultative paper says, it would not be "appropriate" for members of neighbouring local authorities to hold the chair.

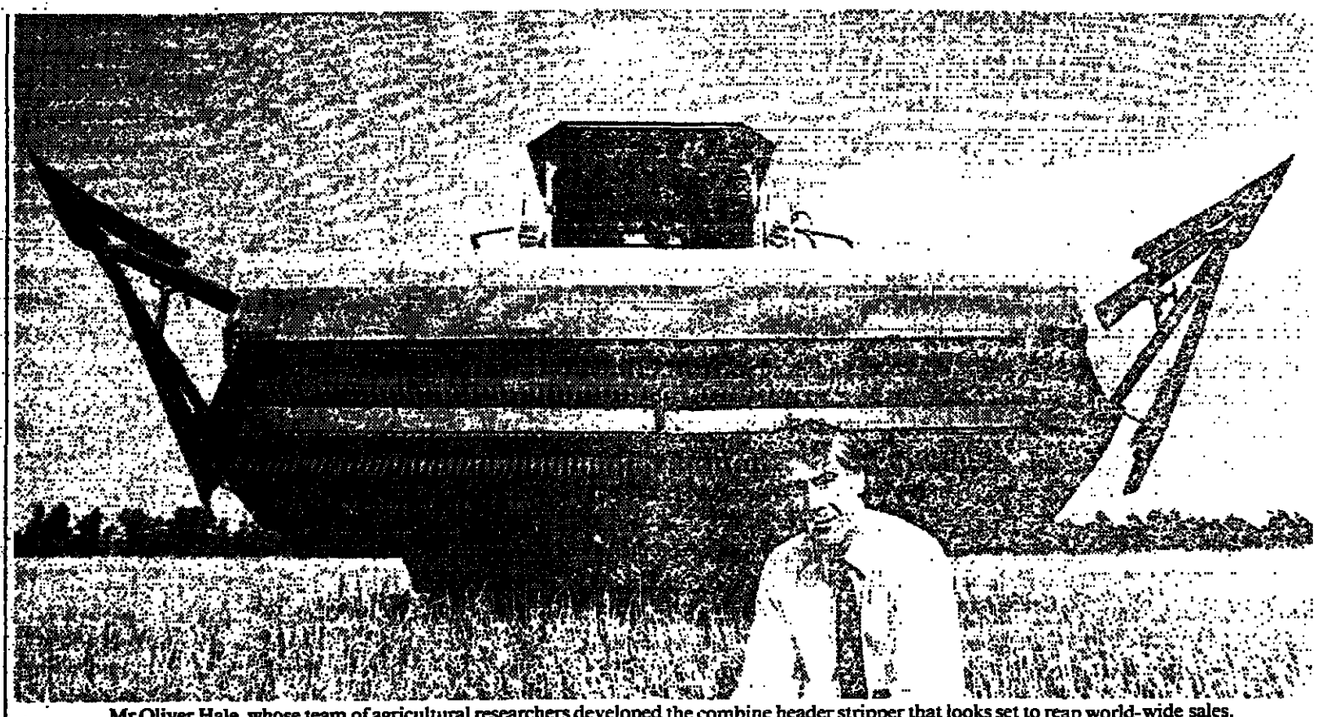
One of the most radical changes involves new powers to governors to select and dismiss staff.

The Department of Education and Science expects these governors to meet at least once a month and to have control of planning decisions delegated to them by the local authorities, which are asked to present plans for devolving financial control of the college budgets on similar lines to those already proposed for schools. Some governors will need training in financial management.

Some adult education centres may also come within the scope of proposals for financial delegation, and the Government is leaving the decision as to the suitability of individual centres to the local authorities. Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, is, however, retaining powers to order authorities to delegate financial control to an establishment if he sees fit.

The proposals come after a working party report by officials of the Department of Education and local authority associations which concluded that further education colleges would be far more efficient if governing bodies and principals were "free, subject only to essential local authority controls, to spend their budgets in ways which they judge will best meet agreed targets and objectives".

Ministers hope that the new proposals will make colleges far more responsive to local employment needs — governors will have powers to dispense with courses and spend money on other areas, although they will have to justify their decision to the local authority in the following year's budgetary review.



Mr Oliver Hale, whose team of agricultural researchers developed the combine header stripper that looks set to reap world-wide sales.

Combining speed and efficiency

World-wide sales could be won with a harvesting machine developed by British engineers to double the speed of grain gathering.

The stripper header replaces the traditional cutting gear at the front of combine harvesters, which can normally work at only a few miles an hour to ensure 99 per cent of the grain is collected.

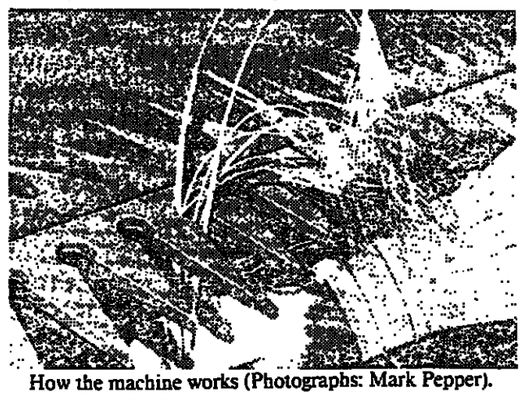
Instead of taking in the whole crop and threshing it inside the vehicle, the stripper header takes off just the grain, leaving the stalk behind.

Through the British Technology Group, which owns the rights to the invention, Britain stands to lead the field in this farming development, which is undergoing tests in the south of England. It has already attracted interest from Canada, the United States and Russia.

The breakthrough by a team headed by Mr Oliver Hale at the Agricultural and Food Research Council near Silsoe, Bedfordshire, came after three years of research.

Harvesters using the stripper header will work at more than twice the speed of traditional machines. Farmers will also reap the benefits of being able to start gathering crops several days earlier than normal, and for longer hours, as operations no longer depend on the condition of both the stalk and the grain.

British Technology has granted a licence to the Suffolk agricultural machinery company, Shelbourne Reynolds Engineering, to develop a commercially viable stripper.



How the machine works (Photographs: Mark Pepper).

Disabled couple's son stays in care

A boy aged one month, taken from his mentally handicapped parents at birth because of fears that they were incapable of looking after him, is to remain in council care in Wolverhampton until his future is decided by a High Court judge in November.

His parents, who may not be identified, will have frequent access to their son in the interim, Mrs Justice Heilbron ruled in the Family Division of the High Court in London yesterday.

Court praise

A community relations policeman was praised for his "extreme bravery" by a judge at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. Insp Stephen Reynolds, aged 41, defused an "explosive" situation when he dissuaded a former soldier, Michael O'Neill, from stabbing a lodger at a central London hotel. O'Neill was jailed for 10 months.

Hawk brood

A goshawk, East Anglia's rarest bird of prey, has successfully raised a brood in Thetford Forest, Norfolk, after a round-the-clock watch was kept on the nest by wardens. Two pairs attempted to breed but one of the nests was robbed last April.

T-shirt outcry

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society yesterday condemned a new craze for T-shirts depicting squashed hedgehogs. The T-shirts, showing splattered animals lying over a bloodstained tyre track, are being worn in Cardiff.

Cliff fall death

Mrs Irene Creber, aged 71, the wife of a former Devon County Council chairman, died yesterday from head injuries after she fell 30 ft on Thursday from a clifftop as she tried to stop her pet dog straying near the edge.

Nuclear start

Nuclear reprocessing at Sellafield is expected to restart at the weekend. British Nuclear Fuels said yesterday, after an accident on Sunday when a hoist lifting fuel rods failed.

Stag shortage is threat to sport

By Kerry Gill

A substantial increase in Scotland's deer population poses a serious threat to the economy and jobs in the Highlands, the Red Deer Commission said yesterday.

The commission, based in Inverness, has called for estates to cull more hinds and allow stags to grow to maturity.

The imbalance between the sexes is in danger of getting out of control, the commission's secretary, Mr Norman McCulloch, said.

At the last census taken in 1986, there were 155,000 hinds and only 83,000 stags. The total number of deer in Scotland, including calves, is now 290,000.

Deer estates, however, rely on sportsmen — many from Germany, Italy and the United States — to provide them with a good seasonal income.

A German hunter may be prepared to pay £150 for a mediocre stag, but is interested only in the head as a trophy. The estate keeps the carcass, worth a further £150 for the venison.

"Financially, this is of great benefit to the community if enough stags are available", Mr McCulloch said. "The situation over the past 10 years has changed. Mature stags have been over-killed.

"Not all, but some estates are going for the younger males, which means stags are in short supply", he said.

The commission is now trying to persuade estates to kill hinds for their venison.

If there are not enough stags, stalkers' jobs are imperilled as estate revenue falls. Mr McCulloch estimated that there were about 500 stalkers' jobs in the Highlands — a significant number in a sparsely populated region.

It is estimated that several hundred jobs have been lost since the Second World War.

"Stalkers tend to live in the more remote places and the loss of a stalker and his family adds to the general rural depopulation."

It is believed that during the 1984-85 season about 14,000 stags were killed out of a total cull of about 42,000.

The increase in hinds has also forced many stags to seek food in the lower glens, trampling and eating their way through newly planted forests and farmland.

Many of these stags are shot by farmers — perfectly legal if the farmer can claim the animals have been causing damage on his property. In theory a deer farmer can claim compensation but, in reality, Mr McCulloch said, this was very difficult as deer are technically wild.

With proper estate management, Mr McCulloch said, the number of stags in Scotland could be doubled, more people would come for the sport, estates would gain more income, and jobs would be safeguarded.

Lighthouse economies hit trouble

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

Proposals for streamlining the provision of lighthouses and other navigational aids around the coasts of England and Wales have run into heavy criticism from port organizations.

Trinity House, which is responsible for navigational aids, announced plans on Tuesday to take five lighthouses and 58 other aids out of service, and to transfer responsibility for 139 to local port authorities.

The director of the British Ports Association, Mr Nicholas Finney, said: "Our members fail to see how a proposal to cut Trinity House's responsibility for lighthouses by one third can be matched by only a £1.5 million reduction in Trinity House's revenue budget of £28 million.

"Such a substantial rationalization should carry with it considerable savings for port users, and it is by no means clear to us that this will be the case. We will be looking for much greater savings in staff and other overhead costs."

He said there had been a complete lack of consultation with the port authorities to which Trinity House was proposing to transfer the navigational aids. The Port of London Authority was particularly badly affected by the proposal, and was considering the legality of such changes without adequate compensation from the General Lighthouse Fund.

The PLA said Trinity House appeared to be trying to divest itself unilaterally of long-standing statutory responsibilities as a lighthouse authority.

The proposals for the Thames estuary seemed not to provide economies, but simply sought to transfer responsibility from Trinity House to the PLA without funding.

British shipping and port interests have also been campaigning against the fees they pay for navigational aids.

Judge aims to ground air club's plans

By Andrew Morgan

A circuit judge is opposing a flying club's plan to convert part of a beautiful valley into an airfield.

Judge Michael Birks, who lives in the Cuckmere valley, East Sussex, is enlisting support to prevent the Tiger Club from using 43 acres of pasture near the village of Wilmington as an airstrip.

There is a further planning application for 34 acres sloping down to the river Cuckmere, where the club hopes to build a fuel store, clubhouse and car park.

Judge Birks said: "The Cuckmere valley is a designated area of outstanding natural beauty and these aircraft would destroy the peace and tranquillity. This is a national treasure.

"Access would be just off the A27 and the aircraft could be a distraction to passing motorists. On rally days the amount of traffic would be large and a dreadful intrusion."

Opponents claim that some rallies could attract up to 5,000 people.

The club, with 450 flying members and 10 aircraft, including two Tiger Moth biplanes, is looking for another site because the lease on its present airfield in Redhill expires this year. The Wilmington site was used as an airstrip between 1916 and 1939.

Mr Neil Jensen, the chairman, said the club's aircraft were often at rallies and the noise interference was minimal. "We are not a training school. Many of our pilots are professional and don't just flog around the area", he said.

"Wilmington can't be enlarged and so high-performance aircraft will not be permitted. I can understand the fears but they are based on ignorance."

It is believed the club hopes to lease the farmland from trustees of an estate for about £10,000 a year.

However, when 200 people attended a recent meeting, Mr Michael Piper, a farmer who has lived in the valley for 50 years, suggested buying the land and creating the Cuckmere valley environmental trust. Two promises of £5,000 gifts have already been made.

"This is a beautiful valley which attracts many people. We don't want a decision to be taken in haste" he said.

At first, planning officials at Wealden District Council were taken with the Tiger Club's plans. But Mr Ian Kay, deputy district planning officer, said yesterday that the complexity grew as he studied the application.

"We have a very open mind. It will be a close decision when the planning commitee meets on September 15."

Murderer of recluse gets life

A man was jailed for life in the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday for the brutal murder of a frail elderly recluse.

After an eight-day trial, the jury took an hour to decide unanimously that Keith McGregor, aged 29, of Westburn Gardens, Edinburgh, killed Ian Kaye, a retired Army captain, in his home in Wester Coats Terrace, Edinburgh, on March 25.

He was found guilty of repeatedly punching Mr Kaye, striking his head on the floor, pulling him from one room to another, kneeling or stamping on him and breaking his back then repeatedly stabbing him and cutting his throat with a knife. Mr Kaye was just under 6ft tall but weighed only 6½ stones.

The jury was also unanimous in convicting McGregor, a former apprentice butcher, of stealing the dead man's car and his cash dispenser card and then stealing £1,000 from his bank account.

The court was told that in early march McGregor was unsuccessful in his attempts to get loans from finance houses and banks. He mentioned to a friend he was going to "an old guy's house" to get some money.

AND THEN THERE WAS ONE



EXCLUSIVE: DAVID OWEN WRITES

Defiant Owen defends his decision to quit, asks for an amicable divorce and pledges that the SDP will fight on

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Better than a month of other Sundays

Selling Ulster's beauty

Lakes and rocks to tempt the tourist

By Richard Ford

It has been an uphill struggle but the number of tourists visiting Northern Ireland has increased this year in spite of the worst efforts of the Provisional IRA and an uncertain political situation.

Tourist board executives are confident that by the end of the season visitors from continental Europe will have increased for the second year in succession to a province rich in lakes, mountains and a charm long since lost in the rest of the United Kingdom.

The latest figures from the Northern Ireland Tourist Board show that in spite of indifferent weather passengers entering by sea in May rose by 6.3 per cent, and those by aircraft by 32 per cent.

Yesterday the board launched a campaign to encourage many of the tourists who visit the Irish Republic to travel north to see the Giant's Causeway in Co Antrim, billed as the eighth wonder of the world.

Large pictures of the causeway are to be placed at ports and airports in the Irish Republic and articles are appearing in the Aer Lingus in-flight magazine in an effort to persuade the thousands who visit the south to extend their trip in the island by looking at the famous formation of basalt rocks which are listed as a World Heritage site.

Sir John Swinson, chairman of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board, said yesterday: "Our message is if you have not visited the causeway then you have not really experienced Ireland".

The causeway coast has been attracting growing numbers of Americans and continental Europeans since an interpretative centre explaining the rock formation and how the Victorians enjoyed the site was opened a year ago on the property owned by the National Trust.

Sir John admitted that the tourist board would target the Irish Republic as it was their greatest potential market and they intended to increase the number of visitors who travelled to the north via the south from the present 44,000 to 68,000 within three years.

The board clearly recognizes that many overseas visitors and in particular Americans with a fascination bordering on desperation to prove they have Irish roots visit the south rather than the north.

They also intend to increase the number of residents from the republic who visit the north from 56,000 to 80,000 by 1990. Many of those who travel north do so for cheaper prices particularly in the shops and to use Belfast's Aldergrove airport to fly to London, and holiday resorts.

Even in Galway advertisements in shop windows this summer encouraged people to fly from Belfast rather than the south's airports at Shannon, Cork and Dublin.

Sir John said: "People who come north will find the same wealth of hospitality as we find when we travel south."

The board's budget in the republic is to be doubled to £150.00 and extra staff is to be recruited for its office in Dublin as officials grow confident that more people can be attracted to a province which they admit will never be popular for those seeking sun and sand but can lure people seeking a specialized holiday, such as boating or fishing.

Initial reports from hotels and guesthouses in the north indicate an increase in occupancy.

Ironically the closeness of the rest of the United Kingdom to Northern Ireland and the frequent coverage of the province's troubles has meant that the board faces great difficulties in encouraging people from England to cross the Irish Sea.

But as the troubles have declined and with less frequent media reports in continental Europe officials are finding it easier to attract continental Europeans to Northern Ireland.

WORLD SUMMARY

Ethiopia facing renewed famine

Rome — Chronic drought and famine again threaten Ethiopia, according to Western food experts who have just returned from a research mission in the north of the country (Roger Boyes writes).

Specialists of the World Food Programme, a United Nations aid group based in Rome, say that there has been no significant rain since June in Eritrea or Tigré provinces. A brief rainfall in the highlands of Tigré last month provided little more than drinking water for both people and cattle. Young crops are being scorched by the heat and will almost certainly not supply enough to eat in the coming year.

"We want to alert potential aid donors to the fact that there will be major relief requirements in 1988," Mr Paul Mitchell, of the World Food Programme, told *The Times* yesterday. About 1.2 million people in Eritrea and 1.5 million in Tigré are affected. The Ethiopian Government is waging a counter-insurgency war against Eritrean rebels.

Trapeze defection

Los Angeles — The Ringling Brothers' Barnum and Bailey Circus continues its California run this week without four star performers (Ivor Davis writes). A female trapeze quartet, including a mother and her 13-year-old daughter, on loan from the Romanian National Circus, have defected and are seeking political asylum.

The four successfully completed their most daring manoeuvre on Thursday when they went to a Californian Republican congressman and asked for asylum. A spokesman said that the women had planned their move because "they oppose communism and admire the way of life in America".

Diplomat inquiry

Moscow — The Soviet Foreign Ministry disclosed yesterday that it had conducted a new investigation into the disappearance of Mr Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who helped Jews escape from the Nazis in Budapest, but that it had turned up no new facts (Mary Dejevsky writes).

Some believe that he is still alive in a Soviet camp. But a Soviet spokesman said that the new inquiry confirmed only what Moscow had told the Swedish Government in 1957: that Mr Wallenberg had died of a heart attack in a Soviet prison camp in 1947. His case is a recurrent irritant in East-West relations.

Prince in Majorca

Palma, Majorca — The Prince of Wales flew into Palma airport yesterday evening to join the Princess of Wales and their two children as guests of the Spanish royal family holidaying in Majorca (Richard Wigg writes).

He was met at the airport by Prince Felipe, heir to the Spanish throne, and was driven to Marivent Palace, the summer home of King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia. The Princess of Wales had earlier enjoyed her first day's outing in the Spanish Royal Family's yacht.

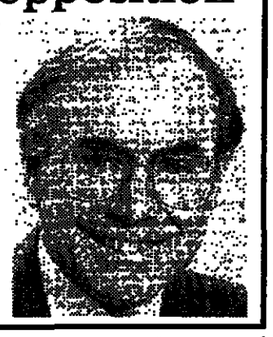
Setback for Koch

New York — Mayor Edward Koch of New York, aged 62, suffered a second seizure yesterday just as doctors believed he had fully recovered from what they diagnosed as a mild spasm of a brain artery on Thursday (Charles Bremner writes).

After he complained of dizziness and nausea doctors said yesterday that they at first suspected a stroke, but reduced their diagnosis to transient ischemia, a relatively mild condition which reduces the supply of oxygen to the brain.

United in opposition

Sydney (Reuter) — Australia's two main opposition parties have announced the restoration of the 40-year coalition shattered before last month's election. The Liberal leader, Mr John Howard, right, said his party would project a united aggressive front with the National Party to the Labor Government of Mr Bob Hawke. Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen, the National Party Premier of Queensland, will withhold immediate action.



Russia shows devices from spy train cargo

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

The Soviet Foreign Ministry has revealed details of what it said was an intricate plot by the Japanese and the West German authorities to undermine Soviet security.

The revelations related to the discovery in February, 1986, of a freight container being transported on the Trans-Siberian Railway that was alleged to have sophisticated listening and photographic devices concealed in an official cargo of Japanese ceramic pots.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman, Mr Gennady Gerasimov, and officials from the Soviet Customs Directorate and the Department of Foreign Trade, presented photographs of the container, and specimens of the alleged devices, at a press conference in Moscow yesterday.

Mr Gerasimov said the Japanese container firm had paid the equivalent of £318,500 for breaching international freight regulations. But, he said, there had been no satisfactory response from West Germany or Japan to the first Soviet request for an explanation, made in February, 1986. On July 21 this year, he said, Moscow had made a second protest and was still awaiting a response.

He conceded that one reason for making the affair public now was to "encourage" the West Germans and Japanese to respond to the protest and to persuade Japan to make greater efforts to find the culprits.

Gulf diplomatic manoeuvring

Iran may press UN for more balanced ceasefire resolution

From Robert Fisk, Dubai

With Iran's leaders still encouraging a mood of hysterical anger towards the United States, the corpses of 50 more Iranians killed in last week's Mecca riot were flown back to Tehran yesterday amid scenes of mass grief in the streets of the capital.

Tens of thousands of mourners paraded through Tehran, some of them carrying the bodies of the dead and chanting "Death to America," while leading figures in the Government continued to promise revenge against the United States for the massacre in Saudi Arabia.

This, of course, was Iran's public face yesterday, a picture of apparent resolution emphasized only by the continuation of the much publicized, but little observed, Iranian naval manoeuvres along the country's southern coast line.

Reports from the Iranian news agency, Irna, spoke of "hundreds of Revolutionary Guards Corps fast patrol boats" practising to deter US attacks, and the preparation of "remote-controlled pilotless aircraft and patrol boats packed with explosives". These are the putative weapons — quite probably not at present in existence — about which the Americans have expressed their concern in the past.

At Friday prayers in Tehran, Ayatollah Abdulkarim Moussavi-Ardebili, the Iranian Chief Justice, told worshippers that Iran's "low-technology" warfare was superior to "all America's advanced equipment", a statement which, given the crippling of the US-flagged tanker Bridgeton by a simple mine last month, is not perhaps entirely without foundation. But it would be a mistake to assume that this bellicose rhetoric represents Iran's current policy towards the crisis in the Gulf.

There is, for example, considerable perplexity in Tehran as to why the United Nations cannot explore Iran's most recent initiative — to consider war reparations and a permanent end to attacks on Iranian tankers in the Gulf as a preliminary step towards a lasting ceasefire. Iranian diplomats in the United Arab Emirates have repeatedly and publicly stressed over the past six months that, if the Arab Gulf states would stop supporting Iraq, they would have nothing to fear from Iran.

Iran's grievance against Kuwait, for example, is not that country's decision to re-register 11 of its oil tankers in the United States; it is Kuwait's decision to allow the continued trans-shipment of arms and ammunition through Kuwait to Iraq. Some two and a half months ago, according to Iranian sources in Tehran, the Iranians questioned all the Arab countries in the Gulf about the necessity of the American reflagging, again pointing out that this would only involve Kuwait more deeply in the war. The Kuwaitis, who had already chartered three Russian vessels under the Soviet flag, remained adamant.

Where is the next Iranian initiative likely to come? Quite likely on the land battlefield with Iraq, where neither American naval power nor Arab encouragement can change the outcome of the conflict.

More probably, however, the Iranians are going to look to the UN — and particularly to its Secretary-General, Señor Javier Peréz de Cuéllar — for a new formula to attach to the Security Council's ceasefire resolution, one that would involve both confrontation and an international tribunal to apportion blame for the conflict.

The same Tehran sources say that contacts are already going on with the UN on this point. All will depend, however, on whether a quite different and dangerous struggle does not, in the meantime, involve the Americans in the waters of the Gulf itself.

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Nicosia — Iran test-fired one of its shore-to-ship missiles during military manoeuvres in the southern Gulf, Tehran radio said yesterday (Reuter reports). The radio, monitored in Nicosia, Cyprus, said the missile was fired on Thursday at the order of President Khamenei, who came to watch the exercises.



Mourners carrying the flag-draped coffins of Iranian pilgrims, killed last week during the disturbances in Mecca, from funeral services held yesterday at the University of Tehran.

Mecca truth remains hidden

By Michael Dynes

After a week of bitter recriminations between Riyadh and Tehran, there is still no conclusive proof as to who was responsible for the clashes between Iranian pilgrims and the Saudi security forces at the Kaaba mosque in Mecca, which left at least 402 dead, including 275 Iranians.

According to the Saudi Arabian authorities, the clashes followed an illegal demonstration by tens of thousands of Iranian pilgrims, which is believed to have taken place along Sharia al-Malik, one of the main roads leading to the Great Mosque.

The demonstrators, carrying banners and chanting pro-Khomeini slogans, prohibited under the protocol of the pilgrimage, came up against a line of Saudi policemen and began to bombard them with a hail of missiles. In an effort to prevent the demonstrators from breaking through the police lines, the security forces fired tear gas into the crowd, and the consequent panic caused a stampede in which hundreds of the pilgrims were crushed to death.

Saudi security officials have since claimed that they have obtained confessions from demonstrators which point to an Iranian plot to storm the mosque and proclaim Ayatollah Khomeini, the Iranian leader, as religious leader of Muslims around the world.

Not surprisingly, the Iranian version of events differs. It alleges that the Saudi police, without cause or warning, opened fire on the Iranian pilgrims at the instigation of the United States.

According to Dr Salahuddin Delshad, head of the Iranian medical team in Mecca, the extraordinarily high death toll was the result, not of a stampede, but of the use of lethal dum-dum bullets by the Saudi security forces.

The Saudis appear to have the stronger case. A film released by the Saudi authorities of last week's clashes shows clearly that many thousands of Iranians were participating in an illegal march towards the Great Mosque.

But it is, nevertheless, a selective version of events. It does nothing to explain how the alleged stampede started, nor does it give any indication of why the death toll was so high, especially among Iranians.

There is, however, no doubt that throughout the Muslim world the deaths in Mecca will be seen through the eyes of the two sectarian traditions, regardless of the facts.

Tanker escort awaits helicopters

Washington (Reuter) — The US Navy has delayed further escorting of Kuwaiti tankers in the Gulf until at least next week when American minesweeping helicopters begin work there, defence officials said yesterday.

One official said: "The convoy is being delayed and probably will not be run until late next week at the earliest."

Officials said the US helicopter transport ship Guadalcanal left the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia yesterday for the Gulf carrying eight Navy minesweeping helicopters which will clear a path to Kuwait for the tankers Gas King, Ocean City and Sea Isle City.

The three Kuwaiti ships are waiting outside the Gulf to hoist US flags and be escorted through the Strait of Hormuz to Kuwait.

The arms negotiations

Moscow sees hope in Shultz talks

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, said yesterday there was "substantial potential" in the talks he will have in Washington on September 15 to 17 with Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State.

His comments followed a 3¼-hour meeting with Mr Max Kampelman, the US chief arms control negotiator.

It has been hoped that by next month a draft treaty text on eliminating medium-range and shorter-range nuclear missiles from Europe and Asia might be almost complete.

Mr Shevardnadze, replying to questions about the sticking point of the 72 Pershing 1A missiles in West Germany and under US control, repeated that "they must be eliminated".

While he enumerated the main differences between the superpowers, including the future of the anti-ballistic missile treaty, and accused the US of dragging its feet, Mr Shevardnadze was able to described his conversation with Mr Kampelman as "substantive, interesting and businesslike, with nuances that will have to be the subject of examination".

Mr Kampelman and the three chief American negotiators, in their turn, emphasized that yesterday's meeting had been "positive and constructive", but had not noticed such nuances.

Mr John Woodworth, deputy head of the intermediate-range missile negotiating group, said the West German Pershings simply were "not an issue in these negotiations".

The prospect appears to be emerging of the missiles becoming obsolete and fading out of the picture, by agreement within Nato, before the expiry of the five-year implementation period of the proposed missiles treaty.

Mr Woodworth also underlined the relatively steady progress in the INF (intermediate nuclear foces) negotiations. While Moscow had often said that such and such a problem was crucial, "we have just proceeded". The issue of the Pershings had never been raised in the negotiations.

While there had been substantial progress with the joint text, he would be surprised to see it ready before next month's Washington meeting.

Mr Kampelman concluded: "As we evaluate the last 28 months, we see an unusually constructive pattern of development moving us forward. We hope the momentum will continue."

Arafat's picture lands editor in trouble

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Charges of violating Israel's anti-terrorist laws have been prepared against Mr Hanna Siniora, an affable newspaper editor in east Jerusalem and prominent Palestinian moderate.

He is in trouble for articles in his paper, *al-Fajr*, and because of an interview he gave in his office to Israeli television, which showed a picture on a wall behind him of Mr Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman.

Mr Siniora has never made any secret of his support for the PLO as the legitimate representative of the Palestinians. Although Israeli law defines the PLO as a terrorist organization, Mr Siniora has always spoken out against violence and, in the dozens of interviews and speeches he gives, has argued that the PLO leadership itself is opposed to terrorism.

In consequence, he has until now always been acceptable to the Israeli authorities, even though his newspaper has regularly run foul of the laws controlling the Arab press. He was one of those approved by both Israel and the United States as someone acceptable in a delegation to negotiate a solution to the Palestinian problem.

He is invariably chosen to meet visiting world leaders who want to hear the Palestinian viewpoint. Mrs Margaret Thatcher met him during her visit here in 1986. Last month he was called in by Dr Esmat Abdel-Meguid, the first Egyptian Foreign Minister to visit Israel for six years.

At the same time, Mr Siniora recently fell foul of many Palestinians by announcing in May that he was prepared to head an Arab list of candidates for the Jerusalem City Council election next year. This move was welcomed enthusiastically by Mr Teddy Kollek, the city's Jewish Mayor, although right-wing Israeli politicians vehemently attacked the idea.

Mr Siniora subsequently received death threats from Palestinians and his two cars were set on fire outside his home as a warning. But he intends to stand as a candidate, provided he is given legal assurance that this would not mean accepting Israeli sovereignty over east Jerusalem. This courageous decision shows Mr Siniora to be more prepared than the vast majority of Palestinians to reach some kind of peaceful compromise with Israel.

However, the strong pro-PLO line of *al-Fajr* led Mr Eliakim Haetzni, a right-wing lawyer from the West Bank settlement of Kiryat Arba, to file six complaints against Mr Siniora. Mr Haim Bar-Lev, the Police Minister, told the Knesset (Parliament) before it rose on Wednesday that charges were being prepared on five of these. Apart from the TV interview, one complaint involves publishing an interview with Mr Arafat, for which *al-Fajr* has already been punished by closure for a week, and reference to the PLO in a history of the Palestinians.

Mr Siniora said yesterday he had learnt what was happening only from the press, but had no reason to doubt the Police Minister. "It is all part of the business," he said philosophically. "It is discrimination, and shows double standards for the Hebrew and Arab press. We are being prosecuted because we put the PLO's name in the paper. There was no security matter involved.

"We will continue to follow the same policy and I will challenge the indictment in court." His newspaper will rely on an earlier High Court judgement, saying it had as much right as the Hebrew press to publish material, provided no security risks were involved.

Lebanon's last traditional politician dies at 87

From Our Correspondent west Beirut

Lebanon's former President and hardline Christian Maronite leader, Mr Camille Chamoun, died of a heart attack yesterday at the age of 87 after a long political career spent opposing Muslim demands for more power and Syria's role in the country.

Mr Chamoun, a wealthy businessman, lawyer, diplomat, parliamentarian and holder of many Cabinet posts since 1938, died at a Christian east Beirut hospital.

Mr Chamoun was the last traditional politician in Lebanon. His death is expected to have an impact on the political deadlock and could have negative effects on inter-Christian relations, as he was a mediator among the moderate and hardline factions.

He used force and politics to defend the minority Maronite community and turned to the US and Israel for military aid in his fight against the Muslims, Syria and the Palestinians. He saw Israel as an ally and bought weapons from it, but his belief that it would intervene militarily to protect the Christians from Syria was repeatedly proved wrong.

While President in 1958, he called in the US Marines to quell a Muslim revolt. Since then, he was known for his pro-Western policies and close ties with Britain, where he served as envoy in the 1940s.

Mr Chamoun was close to President Amin Gemayel, and on many occasions acted as mediator between him and the militant leader of the Lebanese Forces militia, Mr Samir Geagea.

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How Tunisian regime nurtured its own fundamentalist threat

From A Special Correspondent Tunis

It would be convenient to uncover an Iranian hand behind the bombings which, only hours after the violence during this year's Haj at Mecca, injured 13 British and Italian tourists in four Tunisian holiday resorts.

Certainly the Tunisian Government felt as much. Its officials were quick to blame Islamic fundamentalists acting at the behest of "certain foreign influences". But the reality is more complex and, in all probability, more parochial.

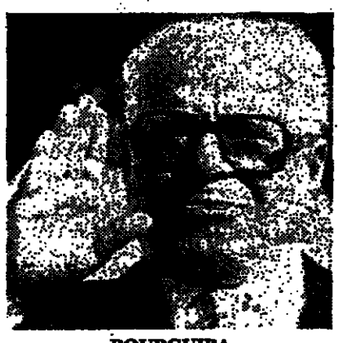
There is a significant fundamentalist movement in Tunisia, and its influence is undoubtedly growing. The pro-Western Government of President Bourguiba, who has ruled the country since its independence from France in 1956, has acknowledged that by a ruthless clampdown on all forms of fundamentalist activity. This reached a climax in March when Tunis claimed to have uncovered a plot by a group of what it called *Khomeynistes* to overthrow the Government and replace it with an Iranian-style religious state.

Western observers were sceptical. While never supposing that the activity of Iran was entirely innocent, they described the evidence the Government produced as tenuous, thin and fanciful. "There was no real proof at all. They managed to convince very few ordinary Tunisians," said one political analyst.

But the Bourguiba Government then expelled all Tehran's envoys, severed diplomatic relations, and arrested about 3,000 Tunisian fundamentalists. Recently Mr Rashid Sfar, the Prime Minister, said only 300 were still held, though other sources indicated that the number still jailed is much higher. Some of the prisoners are due to be tried at the end of the month.

The fear now is that more violence is to come, particularly if death sentences are passed. And that outcome is thought likely by those who say that Mr Bourguiba harbours an intense dislike, even hatred, of the Islamic zealots. The irony is that he first fostered the growth of the fundamentalist faction, with policies in the 1970s which promoted the teaching of Islamic religious values at the University of Tunis and trebled the Government's mosque-building programme. Before then, the state had been wholly secularized — to a point, the fundamentalists allege, where the Government even discouraged observance of Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting.

Mr Bourguiba saw the chief threat to his regime coming from the country's Socialist and Communist parties, with their power base in the trade unions. Fundamentalism was encouraged to counter the left. The President's decision to play host to the Arab League, and to the Palestine Liberation Organization when the Israelis ejected it from Lebanon, was part of a similar balancing act to disarm critics who accused his regime of being fawningly pro-Western, especially in its relations with the Americans and French.



BOURGUIBA

● Accused of harbouring dislike, even hatred, of Islamic zealots ●

But the left has declined over the years under powerful restrictions which saw its newspapers close, offices mysteriously fire-bombed, trade unions emasculated, and its leaders arrested merely for assembling. Severe limitations on how it could contest general elections culminated last November by its boycotting the polls. Genuine political debate has died, too, within the ruling Parti Socialiste Destourien, which now serves largely to rubberstamp what the coterie of presidential advisers decides.

The fundamentalist movement has grown during this period. It now has five or six groups, the largest of which is the Mouvement de la Tendance Islamique (MTI), whose leader, Mr Rashid Ghannouchi, is one of those in jail.

Mr Nejib Chebbi, a lawyer representing detained fundamentalists, says that the Islamic revival initially was little more than an expression of dislike for the modernism of the Bourguiba Government since independence. "This regime has created a cultural resistance, and the MTI has been one of the most important expressions of it," he said.

"But since the Iranian Revolution, the MTI has ceased to be simply a cultural and religious force, and has started claiming a political role. From that time, it has acted as a political party with an economic and social policy. Since the early 1980s it has grown by taking advantage of all the tensions produced by the economic crisis, the social blockage and the political problems in Tunisia."

But more exact comparisons with Iran may not be appropriate. The MTI is not calling for the full imposition of *Sharia* (Islamic doctrinal) law, but merely demanding that it should be accorded a political voice. Its leaders are said to have significant theological and ideological differences with Tehran, including the issue of tolerance of other views.

One Western observer said: "Perhaps the crucial difference is that, though they are fundamentalists, or as they call themselves *intégristes*, they are still Sunni Muslims, unlike the Shia Iranians. In Shia, there is a far greater deference given to single men, to leaders and imams (priests). The MTI admires Iran because it has restored religious values to its society, but it is wary of the power of such leaders. It is really rather moderate for a fundamentalist body. It wants a more, rather than less, democratic society — at this stage at any rate."

The paralysis of the left has made the *intégristes* the only organized focus for dissent in a country where there is presently much cause for dissatisfaction.

After decades of prosperity, the Tunisian economy is in crisis. Revenue from oil was halved in 1986 because of the fall in world prices. Income from tourism dropped about 11 per cent because of the Israeli raid on the PLO headquarters in Tunis and the US bombing of neighbouring Libya. Substantial income from Tunisians working in Libya were cut when Colonel Gadaffi expelled 40,000 of them in 1985. A drought last year doubled the cost of food imports.

It is in this context that the bombings at the holiday resorts must be seen. Significantly, they came in the small hours of Mr Bourguiba's 84th birthday, which is celebrated with widespread public announcements of a messianic fervour. They followed another explosion outside Parliament on July 24 — the anniversary of the Republic — which the authorities at the time dismissed as caused by an air-conditioner on a bus overheating.

The MTI, which maintains it is a democratic organization, has denied all responsibility. But observers believe that one of the fringe fundamentalist groups, such as Islamic Jihad, could be responsible, and have little doubt that the Government will use this as an excuse to crack down on the Mouvement.

In the short term, the tactic may successfully divert popular attention from the country's economic difficulties. But it could be storing up problems.

Mr Bourguiba is officially reckoned to be aged 84 (though he could be as old as 87), and seasoned observers have detected over the past 12 months a sense of *fin de régime* in the tightening repression and increasing concentration of power in his circle of courtiers.

In a CIA-funded study, two American politicial scientists, Richard Betts and Samuel Huntingdon, have looked at the political stability of 33 long-established authoritarian regimes. They placed Tunisia top of the list of their scenarios for potential instability on the death of the ruler.

Central America summit

Reagan snubbed as rulers agree on route to peace

From Martha Honey, Guatemala City

With unexpected ease and in an apparent snub to Washington, the five Central American Presidents have reached full agreement on their own regional peace plan. The consensus came late on Thursday night, after just one day of presidential talks.

"It's too good to be true. Every President went to bed after agreeing to a complete peace plan," said a high-level source after the summit session, which ended well after midnight.

"It was very rewarding that (Nicaraguan President) Ortega and (Salvadorean President) Duarte parted by drinking together and celebrating for peace."

These two leaders represent the region's left and right political extremes, and both are facing guerrilla wars which the peace plan seeks to end.

The Presidents are said to have "ignored" a new peace plan by President Reagan and to have agreed on a somewhat modified version of a plan drawn up by President Arias of Costa Rica.

The hastily prepared White House document was presented on Wednesday and rushed to Guatemala on the eve of the two-day summit with the intent, many here perceive, of replacing the Arias plan. But in separate public statements the five Presidents stressed that, while they welcomed the Washington peace initiative, the Arias peace plan would be their only topic for discussion.

Summit sources say that the Presidents have agreed to implement the peace plan within 90 days. They have also agreed to begin simultaneously the three most controversial provisions: a ceasefire in the Nicaraguan and Salvadorean conflicts, a cut-off of US aid to the Nicaraguan Contras and Soviet bloc aid to the Salvadorean rebels, and a process of democratic reform in Nicaragua.

According to these sources, the Presidents made "some changes in timing" in implementing the 10 steps of the original Arias plan.

In preparatory talks before the summit meeting, the Central American foreign ministers had reached agreement on several points, including the issues of refugees, elections, and a reduction in the size of standing armies in the region. But the main issues were left to be resolved by the Presidents.

Conference insiders say that, although put on a back burner, the Reagan plan helped to facilitate an agreement. First, it spurred nationalist feeling, since the US was not invited to be a party to these talks. "The Presidents dug in their heels and became determined to adopt their own plans," said one political observer.

Second, the Reagan plan undercut objections being presented by the two staunchest US allies, El Salvador and Honduras. El Salvador has been insisting that an agreement include a condemnation of Nicaragua for allegedly serving as a rear base for the left-wing Salvadorean rebels, while Honduras proposed delaying for six months a cut-off of US aid to the Contras.

When the Reagan plan did not address these issues, both Honduras and El Salvador dropped their demands.



President Ortega: happy at outcome of negotiations.



President Arias: won quick approval for his proposals.

The rival proposals

The Reagan Plan

Ceasefire, suspension of aid, restoration of rights: As soon as possible, negotiation of an immediate ceasefire, on terms acceptable to the parties involved, subject to verification by the Organization of American States, or an international group of observers. With a ceasefire in place, the immediate suspension of military aid to the Contras by the US and a cut-off of military aid to Nicaragua by communist countries. Humanitarian aid allowed. Immediate suspension of emergency law in Nicaragua and restoration of civil rights. Establishment of a multi-party electoral commission. Within 60 days, establishment of a timetable and procedures for elections.

Withdrawal of outside troops: The withdrawal of foreign military personnel and advisers, in excess of normal and legitimate needs, from Nicaragua and its immediate neighbours, subject to negotiations among countries of the region. The suspension of combat manoeuvres in Honduras by the US.

Regional negotiations: With the ceasefire in place, negotiations among the US, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua on reducing standing armies, withdrawing foreign military personnel, restoring the regional military balance, guaranteeing security against outside support for insurgents and provisions for verification and enforcement.

National reconciliation: National reconciliation and dialogue in Nicaragua, including amnesty for ex-combatants and the right of all to take part in politics.

Trade and assistance: Expanded trade and long-range economic assistance for the democratic governments of Central America.

Timetable: The negotiating process shall begin immediately and be completed by September 30.

The Arias Plan

Amnesty and dialogue: After 60 days, in countries where there are armed struggles, a general amnesty for political crimes, to be verified by commissions made up of government, opposition, Roman Catholic Church and Inter-American Human Rights Commission representatives. Immediately, a broad dialogue with unarmed opposition groups.

Ceasefire: An immediate ceasefire.

Democratization: Immediately, the start of a democratic and participatory process, promoting social justice without foreign intervention and including press freedom.

Elections: After the creation of conditions for democracy, simultaneous elections in the five countries, under supervision of the Organization of American States, to form a Central American parliament.

Suspension of military aid: Immediately, a request by the five countries for suspension of aid to insurgents and irregulars.

Use of territory: A commitment by the five countries to prevent use of their territories to destabilize the region's governments.

Arms reduction: Within 60 days, the beginning of negotiations on controlling and reducing arms inventories and troops strength, along with measures to disarm irregulars.

Supervision and follow-up: Within 30 days, formation of a committee to supervise achievement of the agreement's goals, to be made up of the UN Secretary-General, the OAS Secretary-General and foreign ministers of the countries supporting the Contadora peace initiative.

Evaluating progress: Within six months, a meeting of the five Presidents from the region.

Economic agreements: Efforts to achieve economic and cultural agreements to promote development.

Nicaragua learns to carry on laughing

From David Gollob, Managua

Nicaraguans, who see themselves as a small nation caught in a tug-of-war between the superpowers, have developed a weapon to counter the steady deterioration in their quality of life.

It is not new, sophisticated or imported from the Soviet bloc. Not only is it homemade, it is not vulnerable to American military might. Moreover, unlike everything else in the country, it is in abundant supply.

The weapon is humour. Although characterized by biting sarcasm and an underlying current of disenchantment with the revolution, some of the best Nicaraguan jokes are told by supporters of the ruling Sandinista Front.

In one story doing the rounds, Ronald Reagan, Fidel Castro and Daniel Ortega gather for a picnic on the shores of the huge, shark-infested Lake Nicaragua.

The Cuban and American leaders are boasting about the prowess of their athletes. Castro dares Reagan to order the best US swimmer to go to a nearby island. The American star, part of the President's retinue, is summoned. He leaps into the water, and within seconds disappears in a pool of blood. Castro calls on Cuba's top swimmer. He suffers the same fate.

Not wishing to be outdone, President Ortega brings out Nicaragua's best. A geriatric, in trunks too large for his skeletal frame, flops into the water and swims slowly but surely to the island and back.

Reagan and Castro, amazed at the old man's safe return, demand: "What is your secret?" The old man answers breathlessly: "With every stroke, I matter 'democracy, mixed economy, non-alignment'. Nobody can swallow that!"

Other jokes work as a shield against despair over the economic chaos that has become endemic. The joke about the *garrobo* — a lizard slightly smaller than an iguana and considered a great delicacy here — is typical.

A worker, after receiving his wages, finds he cannot afford to buy any food for his family. But his spirits lift when on his way home he manages to catch a *garrobo*.

"Look what I've brought you!" he says, showing his wife the *garrobo* with pride. "Why don't you fry it right now?" She replies: "How can I fry it when we have no oil?" "Then boil it in water and make a stew," the man says.

"Don't you know there's been no water all week?" says the wife. "Let's roast it, then," says the worker. "How can I roast it when there's no cooking gas?"

The worker is so frustrated that he hurls the *garrobo* out of the window. "Long live the Sandinista Revolution!" exclaims the delighted lizard, as it scurries to the top of a tree.

These are jokes told by Sandinistas. Others, which circulate among non-supporters, betray darker feelings, as in the tale of the man who became impatient at having to spend so much time queueing because of chronic shortages.

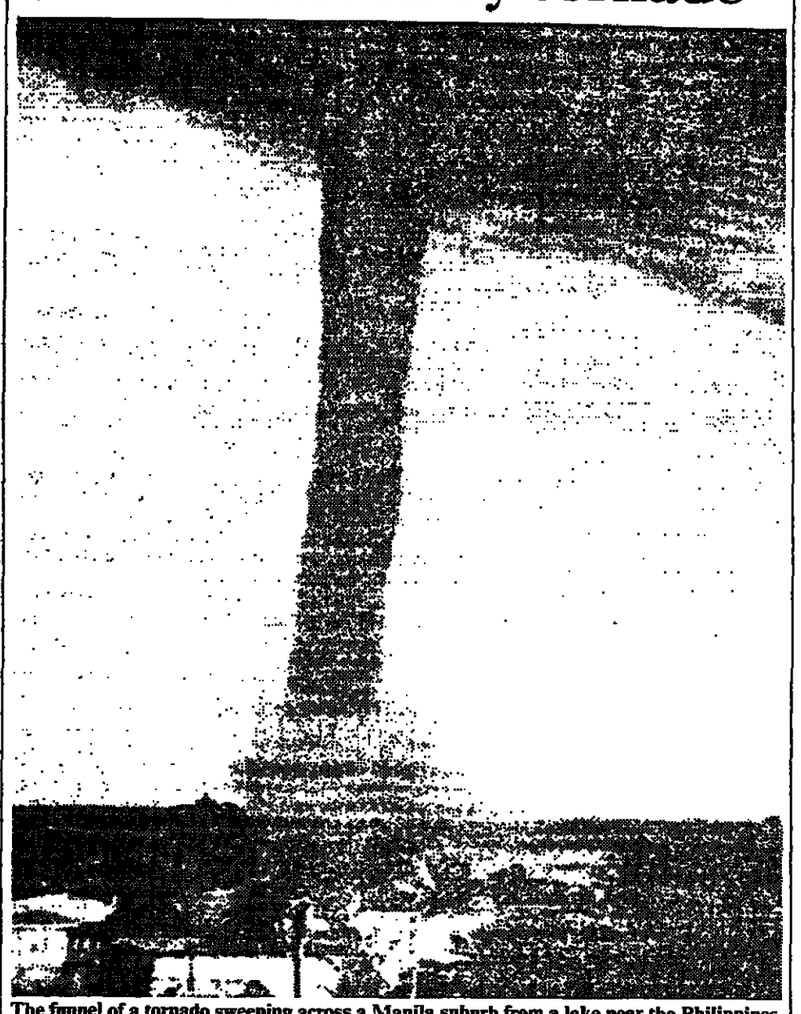
"I'm going to get a gun and kill a Sandinista *comandante*," the man told other people waiting in a queue one day. Three days later he reappeared. The queue had barely moved.

"Did you kill a *comandante*?" the others asked him eagerly. "No," said the man. "There was a queue."

Although many jokes attack the personalities of Sandinista leaders, portrayed as heroes in the government-controlled media, the dominant themes are economic hardship and political discontent.

Yet the violence of many punchlines has no echo in the streets, which remain free of the disturbances and protests common to other, less severely hit Latin American countries.

Manila struck by tornado



The funnel of a tornado sweeping across a Manila suburb from a lake near the Philippines capital yesterday. At least six fishermen who were out on the lake when the tornado struck were reported missing. Several houses were destroyed, but there was no widespread damage.

Aquino rejects Marcos path

From Humphrey Hawksley, Manila

President Aquino yesterday made a powerful speech at the memorial service for her assassinated Cabinet minister, Mr Jaime Ferrer, making it clear that, despite continuing violence in the Philippines, she would not use the authoritarian measures of the deposed President Marcos.

Mr Ferrer, aged 70, the Minister for Local Government killed near his home in Manila on Sunday, was the first Cabinet member assassinated in the country's history.

Mrs Aquino said in the church in which Mr Ferrer had attended evening Mass before his murder: "Democracy can survive the death of Jaime Ferrer, and it can survive the deaths that might follow, although I pray his death may be the last."

She noted there had been no assassinations of public officials during the rule of Mr Marcos, and democracy was sometimes mistaken for weakness. "But democracy cannot survive the adoption of the way of its enemies," she said. "We shall continue to fight anarchy with law, and murder with justice."

Mrs Aquino spoke beside the coffin of Mr Ferrer. Among the congregation were several Cabinet ministers and senior officials who had received death threats.

Five days after the killing, the investigators have few clues to the assassins' identity. Two men were detained earlier this week, but later released. Yesterday a man and a woman were arrested and were being questioned at a military camp.

Mr Ferrer made enemies during the May congressional elections when he dismissed several local government officials who did not support President Aquino's candidates. Muslim guerrillas are also said to have listed Mr Ferrer as a marked man, but the main suspicion still falls on the communist New People's Army.

Congressional leaders have warned that, unless law and order are enforced, the newly-installed democratic system might collapse within a year.

Amritsar curfew as 16 killed in Punjab

Delhi — Sikh extremists have killed 14 Hindus and two Sikhs in different parts of Punjab. Thirteen were shot dead in Amritsar district, two in Ludhiana and one in Batala (Kuldip Nayar writes).

A curfew has been imposed in Amritsar, and a "red" security alert ordered throughout northern India. Most schools in Delhi were closed early after a threat that children would be forcibly taken away from one of them.

Race hatred

Koblenz (Reuter) — A West German schoolteacher accused of telling pupils that Nazi concentration camps were just a fabrication was given a nine-month suspended prison sentence for inciting racial hatred.

New leader

Seoul (AFP) — South Korea's National Assembly approved the appointment of Mr Kim Chung Yul as Prime Minister by 144 votes to 72.

Gaza curbs

Tel Aviv (Reuter) — The Israeli Army is to bar soldiers from travelling alone in the occupied Gaza Strip after the killing of an Israeli military police commander on Sunday by Palestinian guerrillas.

Poison wine

Hong Kong (Reuter) — Rice wine laced with industrial alcohol has killed 55 people and poisoned 3,600 in China's Guangxi province.

Helpers die

Addis Ababa (Reuter) — Two American aid workers were killed when their helicopter crashed here.

Minister quits

Brasilia (Reuter) — President Sarney has accepted the resignation of Brazil's Interior Minister, Senhor Joaquim Francisco Cavalcanti.

Macao airport

Macao (Reuter) — China has approved plans by Macao to build a £260 million international airport.

Spy trial date

Tel Aviv (Reuter) — The trial of the accused nuclear spy, Mr Mordechai Vanunu, will open in the Jerusalem district court later this month.

Cultural revival in Russia

Soviet youth seeks 'forgotten values'

From Mary Dejevsky
Moscow

An eminent Soviet scholar has said that Russians should be allowed to travel abroad more freely, to gain a better appreciation of their own culture, and has called for the return from abroad of artefacts and archives which were taken out of Russia during and after the 1917 Revolution.

Academician Dmitry Likhachev, a respected Leningrad historian, said there were many valuable items which had been taken abroad "for various reasons" for safekeeping, including the archives of old Russian families. Bringing them back to Russia, he said, would help to restore some of the "forgotten values".

Mr Likhachev was speaking in an interview with the foreign-language weekly, *New Times*, shortly after returning from Italy. It was the first time he had been allowed to visit the West for many years.

The academician — a specialist in mediaeval Russian history and Russian culture — typifies the patriotic, but essentially non-political, intellectuals Mr Gorbachov has been trying to win over.

Descended from an old Russian family, he provides a link between pre-revolutionary Russian scholarship and the new generation of Soviet-trained historians. He is also one of a small number of Soviet scholars who are as respected abroad as they are in their own country.

During the 1970s, Mr Likhachev experienced difficulty in pursuing his work as a historian. With the accession of Mr Gorbachov 2½ years ago, his name began to appear again in official publications, and earlier this year he was appointed to the board of the new Soviet Cultural Fund, of which Mr Gorbachov's wife, Raisa, is a member.

He inaugurated his return to public activity by signing a petition calling on the authorities to abandon long-standing plans to reverse the flow of the Siberian river system. This grandiose project had been devised in Brezhnev's time to provide irrigation for the Central Asian republics, but many Russians feared it could have adverse ecological consequences. The project was abandoned a year ago.

The Soviet Cultural Fund has called for the restoration of old buildings, including churches, the preservation of traditional townscapes, and the provision of appropriate facilities for the storage and display of Russian art.

The establishment of the fund reflects a noticeable revival of interest in the pre-revolutionary past among young Russians, some of whom spend their free time working voluntarily on the restoration projects.

A pedestrian precinct in one of the capital's oldest streets is the result of a public campaign in the early 1980s, and the authorities increasingly have to take into account an environmental lobby when they consider new building or traffic proposals.

The Soviet press has devoted some attention in recent months to two unofficial Russian cultural organizations — Pamyat (Memory) in Moscow, and Rodina (Homeland) in Leningrad — which, it claims, combine a healthy concern for the architectural and literary riches of the past with an unhealthy belief in the superiority of Russian culture. Accounts have been published of meetings which begin as cultural events and end with nationalist and anti-semitic chanting.

China and Russia in new talks

From Robert Grieves
Peking

Mr Igor Rogachev, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, arrived in Peking yesterday for a second round of talks aimed at resolving disputes along the Sino-Soviet border.

Mr Rogachev, met by reporters at Peking airport, did not hold out the promise of any breakthrough in the current negotiations which are expected to last two weeks. "We came here to work, and work very hard," he said.

Moscow and Peking have disagreed over their common boundary of 4,650 miles, particularly the segment dividing Siberia from Manchuria, since the 19th century.

Peking has said that it will not renew political relations with Moscow until the Russians remove "three obstacles" in the relationship: the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan; Soviet support for the Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia, and the deployment of Soviet military divisions along the Sino-Soviet border.

Mr Rogachev said that during the first round of border talks earlier this year the Chinese did not link the issue with the withdrawal of Soviet support for the Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia.

Peking to tackle refugees

From David Bonavia
Hong Kong

China is considering penalizing Vietnamese refugees who have been caught and sent back after trying to enter Hong Kong illegally from China.

A spokesman for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said he understood that such people would be deprived of their land grants, farm implements and houses when they were sent back, but would not undergo judicial penalties.

There has been a huge influx of refugees into Hong Kong in recent weeks, mostly Vietnamese nationals of ethnic Chinese origin, who left Vietnam and were resettled in China but now want to improve their chances of resettlement in more prosperous countries such as the United States, Canada and Australia.

On Thursday alone more than 1,200 refugees arrived in Hong Kong, where new transit facilities have had to be set up to cope with them.

Refugees of ethnic Chinese origin have been leaving Vietnam for the past 10 years, with the encouragement, and even coercion, of the Vietnamese authorities who consider them a subversive or unruly element unfit to remain in Vietnam.

Sinhalese resistance now Jayewardene's worry



President Jayewardene: acceptance of the fact that India is dominant power in the region.

From Gavin Bell
Colombo

After years of civil warfare, President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka is optimistic that his landmark agreement with India will survive initial opposition and provide a lasting solution to the Tamil separatist conflict.

In his first interview since signing the controversial accord last week with Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister of India, Mr Jayewardene told *The Times* he believed that a 7,000-strong Indian peacekeeping force could be withdrawn within two weeks — and, in any event, long before provincial elections scheduled to be held by the end of the year.

He made it clear he did not wish his island's Eastern province to be part of a semi-autonomous Tamil "homeland" in the northern Jaffna region, and did not expect any "intelligent opposition" to the compromise settlement.

The President believed the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam would honour the agreement and hand over all their weapons. Indian troops were in Sri Lanka only to enforce the ceasefire and to supervise the surrender of arms. Thereafter, their task would be over and they would be asked to leave.

The President said he would wish the Indians to leave by August 20. "If there is a complete cessation of hostilities, then we don't want any troops." Under the terms of the Indo-Sri Lanka accord, elections are to be held by December 31 for a single council to administer the Northern and Eastern provinces for a year.

The Eastern province, where Sinhalese and Muslims outnumber Tamils, would then have an opportunity, via a referendum, to opt out of the arrangement. Mr Jayewardene said he intended to appoint an interim administration for the two regions within a few days, principally comprised of government agents. He added that some people, who had previously opposed the Government but were now coming into "the mainstream of politics", might also be brought in.

Asked whether militants of the Tamil Tigers would be included, he replied: "Yes — all of them."

However, the President was opposed to the long-term linkage of the two provinces. "I have no particular objection, but I think the Sinhalese and Muslims don't want it."

Mr Jayewardene said he was confident of overcoming opposition to the accord from within his Cabinet and ruling parliamentary group, and expected to submit the legislation to Parliament by the end of September or early October. "You can't be in the Cabinet and keep on opposing the chairman of the Cabinet, but I don't think anyone will leave. They will all vote with me. That Bill will be passed unanimously."

The President said his main worry now was the violence of "Sinhalese terrorists" in the south of the country, where the Janatha Vimukthi Permona, a clandestine left-wing group, has been blamed for a wave of gun and fire-bomb attacks on officials. However, he said: "It is not as serious as the problem we had in the north. I think we will get over it quickly. I represent the Sinhalese. My Government represents them. They have to accept the settlement, otherwise they'll be locked up. They can't be allowed to burn shops and kill people."

Mr Jayewardene confirmed that two Indian frigates lying off Colombo were sent in response to fears of a revolt against his Government. "There have been various threats of assassination of members of the Government, one member of Parliament has already been shot and killed, and several of their houses have been destroyed. They are still coming in."

Mr Jayewardene said he was always under personal threats. The Indo-Sri Lanka accord had made his position "more dangerous" and he had since received a number of "nasty" telephone calls. "But then all politicians put their lives on the line all the time."

He said Sri Lanka had to accept that India was the dominant power of the region, but he denied charges that he had surrendered Sri Lankan sovereignty by pledging not to allow its ports to be used for military purposes by any country in a manner prejudicial to India's interests. "India is the most powerful nation in the Indian Ocean. Either I must go to some bigger power, which I don't want to do, or I must accept that fact."

Asked about the ports issue, he said: "You can only, if I may say so, take away from my independence by laws, not by words. There is nothing that we are doing there without discussions."

Mr Jayewardene was disappointed by the American response to his request for military assistance, which he said was small. "America won't lift a finger to help me without asking India . . . they realize that India is the guardian of this part of the world for democracy, they're quite happy with that." He said he "did not trust a single power", but he did have faith in Mr Gandhi. "You never know with these big powers, they chop and change, you can't trust anybody. India is the same, but I am friendly with Rajiv Gandhi and I trust him."

At the same time, he criticized India's past actions in providing the Tamil guerrillas with arms supplies, and dropping food on the Jaffna peninsula. "I am for non-violence. I believe in Gandhian philosophy. I am more Gandhian than any Indian, more than Rajiv Gandhi. I would not do some of the things he has done and said. I wouldn't have tried to invade Sri Lanka. I wouldn't have dropped the foodstuffs. That was a foolish and impetuous act."

SPORTING DIARY

Simon Barnes

Launching the paunch

Yachting has made a miraculous technical breakthrough: big fat men. The skipper of one boat at Cowes this week reckons his speed has increased by as much as 0.2 knots since he took a wrestler called Barry on board. Yachting is based on the complexities of its rating and handicapping system, involving such things as weight and sail area. A boat is penalized for adding "displacement" or extra structural weight. But while the number of crew is limited there are no limitations at all on their weight. So in comes a new trend of human ballast. The Australian boat Swan Premium I has Detective Sergeant Gary Schipper, a modest 20 stone; Swan Premium II has Henry Paterson at 22 stone; and Goldcorp has Arran Hansen, also 22 stone.

It is the job of these men to sit on the edge of the boat on the windward side. At times of negligible wind, they lie down on a bunk somewhere down below the water line. That is the extent of their duties, and all they are required to know about sailing. These men have formed the Gunwale Fodder Club: associate member, must be 120 kilos (almost 19 stone) and full members a minimum 135 kilos. The top man is certainly the former wrestler, Barry Greenhall, aka Tiny, of Decosol Carcare, who joined the crew as a 35-stoner. He was asked to slim to around 25 stone, but instead has soared to 37 stone.

● Overheard in the National Horseracing Museum at Newmarket: "Look daddy, this is all about Fred Archer. Do you think that's Jeffrey Archer's father?"

Dual in the sun

There are moments when all cricketers feel surplus to requirement: mooning about at fine leg, never getting a ball and often not even a bat, while the ringers reap all the glory. But Martin Cowley writes from Hong Kong to tell me of real monopoly on the pitch. In a recent league game between Kowloon CC and a police side the police declared their first innings closed at the fall of the first wicket, with Cummings on 160-odd and Lacy Smith with 70. KCC were dismissed for around 70: Lacy Smith took three wickets and Cummings seven. Not a fielder was involved in any dismissal: all were bowled or lbw.

● The easy way to health and fitness — a sunbed that undulates in time with your breathing. The idea is that you get a massage and a tan at the same time.

Sauerbraten

The wit and wisdom of John McEnroe: yes, the lad was in fine form at the recent Davis Cup relegation play-off between the United States, playing at home, and West Germany. "What the hell country are you in," he asked a linesman with whose call he disagreed. When spectators applauded Boris Becker he yelled: "Go eat some more sauerkraut." And as a final Wildean quip when a black linesman called a service fault against him: "I didn't know they had black Germans." West Germany won. Good.

● Where are they now? Former Chelsea and England midfielder Alan Hudson runs a nightclub in Newcastle-under-Lyme which is to be the venue for a regular Wednesday disco by the South Cheshire Naturist Club.

Pay dirt

I have just learnt a fascinating fact about baseball, and can't wait to pass it on. Apparently umpires have to rub all new balls in the dirt before a game to take the sheen off them. This used to be done with any old improvised mud pie, but after 1938 they got it better organized. Irritated by the scratch marks left on the ball, the then Philadelphia coach, Lena Blackburn, came up with a special kind of dirt, with a base of fine sand — and he started selling it in tins. He claimed that it came from the Delaware River, though others believed that its provenance was in fact New Jersey. No matter: the stuff from the Lena Blackburn Rubbing Mud Company is what all the balls in a major league baseball have to be rubbed in. And the stuff costs around $15 a tin. The information comes from a soon-to-be-published book called *Baseball: A Cricketer's Guide.*

BARRY FANTONI



'Spare ribs? Er . . . not for the moment, Charles dear'

Bernard Levin, at the opera, muses on Godunov and Gorbachov

Harmony across the divide

The first thing to be said about the visit of the Kirov Opera of Leningrad to Covent Garden is that it *isn't* the Kirov Opera, at any rate in colloquial speech. Everyone in Leningrad who is not obliged, *ex officio*, to follow the correct line, calls it by its pre-revolutionary name, the Maryinsky; I don't know what Russians call The Street of the October Revolution, but I'm damned sure it isn't that. (There is, incidentally, a hideous irony here. Kirov was one of Stalin's most faithful henchmen, and it was his murder that unleashed the full Terror; the use of his name as a memorial was Stalin's tribute. But it is now virtually certain that he was killed on Stalin's direct orders).

My pedantry is not only pedantry; everybody in New York calls the Avenue of the Americas Sixth Avenue, and the principle at stake is the same the world over. It is a heartening one, too; in tyrannies and democracies alike those who have grown accustomed to a well-loved name will go on using it, no matter how many decrees, statutory instruments and by-laws tell them not to.

The second thing to be said is that the Maryinsky is the most beautiful opera house in the world, not even excepting the Fenice. On my only visit to it, in 1959, I saw a ludicrous *Carmen*, but the gentle splendour of the auditorium is what remains in my mind and feelings; O, to have seen *Figaro* there! O, to see it there yet, with the Romanovs in the Royal Box, and the city called St Petersburg once more, and the gallows outside still quivering from the weight of the Politburo!

I have never wavered in my belief that I shall live to see such things come about; meanwhile, the Maryinsky Opera has come to London — the last performance is tonight — and that will have to do for the time being.

They brought *The Queen of Spades*, *Eugene Onegin* and *Boris Godunov* (some still swear that *The Guardian* once printed the name, from a phoned-in review, *Doris Goodenough*). I didn't see the *Queen of Spades*; it is not a work I have ever warmed to. But *Onegin* and *Boris* are two of opera's greatest masterpieces, and standing as they do at the respective poles of the domestic and the dynastic (both, incidentally, based on Pushkin, as is also the *Queen of Spades*), they provided a most revealing comparison with what we are used to throughout the West.

To start with *Onegin*, there was almost nothing that we would call production. That is not necessarily a bad thing, as anyone who saw Covent Garden's catastrophic *Flying Dutchman* last year will eagerly testify. But there was a *wonderfully old-fashioned* suspicion of originality and even imagination, instantly apparent at curtain-rise; the sets looked as though they weighed hundreds of tons, and had been brought over in an oil-tanker. The scene-painting must have been done by a team determined to go one better than Corot; the leaves on the trees were not just meticulously accurate, but as far as I could see might have been the real thing, hand-sewn onto the twigs and dusted twice daily.

Grouping followed the flag; when the chorus addressed the audience they did so in line abreast; another moment and they would have numbered from the right, fist to shoulder. For that matter, practically everybody with an aria or an extended passage faced downstage and let fly, the most striking example of this being Gremin's aria, where they practically cleared the entire stage for him. (It was magnificently



Mikhail Kit in the Kirov Opera production of Boris Godunov

sung by Nikolai Okhotnikov, who should be offered a contract by Covent Garden *at once.*)

But somehow, it didn't matter; on the contrary, the faded style, the realistic sets, the muffed Polonaise (the producer, who was also the conductor, would have dropped dead from astonishment if he had seen the fire, dash and ensemble in Act Three of the Glyndebourne *Onegin*, and would have had at least an attack of angina if he had seen the Covent Garden one), the air of practised ease and comfort, the certainty that this was the only way to go about it, coupled with a very visible and audible pride in the knowledge that this was a masterpiece from the very soul of Russia — all these things combined to cast a warm glow over the proceedings, and I emerged feeling that although I would not like to see such stage-work more than once every year (or hear the plink-plonk conducting, which nearly turned Gremin into a comic figure, more than once every five), I had nevertheless enjoyed myself greatly, and did not need to think in terms of comparative quality.

The *Boris* was much worse; I hadn't seen such wooden staging since the last days of the Carl Rosa, and the tenor bleated his way through it until I longed to get the shears to work on him. But there is nothing in the world of music to touch the sound of real Russian basses singing real Russian bass music; the sonorous glory of the Pimen, Alexander Morozov, would alone have justified the price of the ticket — nay, the entire visit.

I don't know if any reciprocal visit from London to St Petersburg is planned; I hope so, for although we *learned* nothing from the Maryinsky visit, we *understood* more, and if Covent Garden took its best work to the Maryinsky, the Russians would both understand and learn from it. Alas, Tardovsky, who gave Covent Garden that incomparable *Boris, died in exile from his native* land, and tact would inevitably decree that it should not be included in the repertoire for such a return match.

International sport produces nothing but cheating, complaining, mutual hatred and a worsening — sometimes delightfully permanent — of relations between countries. Music, on the whole, is free of such stains. I am not such a fool as to believe that the success of an operatic exchange will diminish the evils of the world, let alone that it proves the genuineness of Gorbachov's promises of reform. But such an exchange can be self-contained, and none the worse for that. "When the cannons are silent, the Muses are heard; when the Muses are silent, the cannons are heard." That is, I think, a Russian proverb, and unfortunately it enshrines a very dangerous over-simplification. But I hope the Maryinsky opera comes back soon.

Ian Bradley traces the history of royal summers in Scotland

Victoria the pioneer

The Royal Family's annual summer holiday at Balmoral which begins tomorrow is one of the most enduring legacies of the reign of Queen Victoria. Although she presided over an age of invention, Victoria was generally happy to leave making and discovering things to her husband.

But there is one Victorian invention for which the Queen herself was largely responsible — the view which still prevails of the Highlands of Scotland as a region of romance and escape, a playground for walkers and sportsmen, a wild and grand land peopled by a race at once more heroic and more poetic than other Britons.

Queen Victoria was not, of course, the first visitor to Scotland to be struck by these qualities. In 1796 the young George Gordon Byron had been brought to recover from an attack of scarlet fever to the Pannanich Wells, a few miles from Balmoral. The scenery made much the same impression on him as it would on the young Queen nearly half a century later:

England! Thy beauties are tame and domestic
To one who has roved o'er the mountains afar:
Oh for the crags that are wild and majestic,
The steep, frowning glories of dark Loch na Garr!

The letters and poems of William Wordsworth, who first visited Scotland a few years after Byron, portray the Highlands in the same romantic and idealized terms. They are in stark contrast to the verdict of most 18th-century English travellers who echoed Dr Johnson's comment: "Seeing Scotland is only seeing a worse England. It is seeing the flower gradually fade away to the naked stalk."

If the English romantic poets had begun to change the image of the Highlands some time before Victoria's accession, it was Scotland's own highly romantic novelist who did most to create the legend for which the Queen and many of her subjects were to fall. In the works of Sir Walter Scott, which were among her favourite reading matter, the idealization of the Highlander as a noble, chivalrous child of nature reached its apotheosis.

Scott was also a fervent promoter of that largely 18th-century invention, the clan tartan, and stage-managed the much-publicized visit to Edinburgh of George IV in 1822, which had the nobility and gentry of Scotland wearing kilts for the first time in their lives.

Victoria did more than set a royal seal on this already developing cult. Through her annual stays in Balmoral, which began in 1848 and lasted four months of the year after Albert's death in 1861, she established the Highlands as the place for the English upper classes to spend the summer.

While Continental aristocrats and plutocrats followed their monarchs to the sultry spa resorts of southern and central Europe, Midlands industrialists and London bankers bought up large tracts of Scotland and pursued the more manly pursuits of deer stalking, hill walking and fishing.

Prince Albert was in many ways the pioneer of this healthy holidaying, which has been a feature of English upper-class life until recent times — when the deer forests have been sold to the Arabs and the Dutch and shooting and fishing rights rented out to syndicates of American businessmen.

The Scottish Highlands appealed to him because they reminded him of his native Saxe-Coburg — on their first visit to Balmoral, Victoria noted that the wooded valley of the Dee brought to mind the Thuringerwald.



Victoria and her 'free, independent but gentlemanlike' confidant, John Brown

Albert brought his own Germanic correctness and civility to hunting. The Marquess of Breadalbane was amazed when, at his first Highland shoot in 1842, the prince refused to fire because the bushes in front of him were full of beaters.

The Queen also loved the outdoor life at Balmoral, delighting in sketching trips and in the "Great Expeditions" into the Cairngorms where she rode incognito on a pony accompanied by one or two ghillies.

For this particular breed of men, Victoria developed an affection and admiration that went beyond her feelings for any other group of her subjects. "They are free and independent," she wrote, "but have a higher sense of real respect, and of what is gentlemanlike, than the most over-polished English servant." It was in the rugged figure of the ghillie John Brown that Victoria was to find both the quintessence of Highland manhood and also her closest confidant and companion after the death of her husband.

Whatever the nature of their relationship — and there is not a shred of evidence that it was ever more than a warm and genuine friendship — there is no doubt that the Queen idealized her Scottish servant and regarded him as the exemplar of all the virtues which she saw in his race.

In her eyes he was a kind of noble savage, *or as her private* secretary, Sir Henry Ponsonby put it, "a child of nature", epitomizing the sturdy, primitive values which contrasted so strongly with the effete airs of her other courtiers.

Victoria has often been criticized by Scots for promoting the cult of Balmorality which reduced their country, in the eyes of the English, to a romantic holiday playground shrouded in mist and legends. It is true that the Queen did her bit to spread the disease of tartanitis, which still breaks out like a rash wherever Scottish goods are sold and reaches epidemic proportions in television programmes on New Year's Eve.

Disappointed at her first visit to Crathie Kirk that the worshippers were not wearing kilts, she decided that the royal household must set an example and ordered that all the staff at Balmoral should wear the tartan. With Albert she designed their own Balmoral tartan, based on the Royal Stewart, which is still worn with minor variations by the Royal Family today. She also covered the walls of her Highland home with Scottish emblems, so much so that Lord *Clarendon commented there were* enough thistles in the drawing room alone to choke a donkey.

Other longer-established Highland customs also appealed to the Queen. Mr Gladstone was horrified on a visit to Balmoral to find that she strengthened her claret with whisky. She developed a considerable fondness for the Scottish national drink and showed a surprising tolerance towards those of her ghillies and retainers who over-indulged in it.

But if Victoria was guilty of over-romanticizing the Highlands, so also were some of her most distinguished subjects. Edwin Landseer found the region to be the perfect backdrop for idealized paintings like the Stag at Bay and the Monarch of the Glen. Matthew Arnold celebrated the sensitivity and spirituality of the Celts against the dullness and materialism of the Anglo-Saxons. J.F. Campbell and Andrew Carmichael collected Highland folklore. And later Janet Kennedy Fraser went around the Hebridean islands noting down the songs of the islanders, which she rearranged with piano accompaniments for the drawing room.

Sir Walter Scott: creator of the tartan legend

Victoria has often been accused of being blind to the true condition of the Highlands as one of the most poverty-stricken and depressed parts of her empire. She never once mentioned the clearances that were removing thousands of the men and women whom she idolized from the land where they had lived and worked for generations. But if she did not go to Scotland as a social reformer, neither did she go simply as a tourist.

She loved the Highlands because there, alone of all the places in her realm, she could live something approaching an ordinary life. Charles Greville was struck by this feature of the Royal Family at Balmoral: "They live there without any state whatever; they live not merely like private gentlefolks, but like very small gentlefolks — small house, small rooms, small establishment. There are no soldiers and the whole guard consists of a single policeman. The Queen often goes about alone, walks into the cottages, and chats with the old women."

At Balmoral, and even more in her private retreat in the little shieling of Alt-na-Guithasach and in her incognito visits to villages where she was treated with civility but without servility, the Queen could be herself. It is fitting that 150 years later her great-great-great grandson should go to the Hebrides to find a similar peace and wholeness. The sadness is that where she could spend four months every year, he could only spare three days.

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Cornerstone of thuggery

Tony Benn was smart to use Hyde Park Corner for the first public reading of Peter Wright's banned book, *Spycatcher*. He and it received, as planned, worldwide publicity. It was perhaps a pity that his audience seemed to be composed almost exclusively of reporters and photographers rather than the "people" for whom our old-fashioned radical so often claims to speak.

Nevertheless, he was right to chose Hyde Park Corner for his challenge to the government. It is, after all, the only place in Britain where we have a positive, statutory right to free speech. We may, we do, we ought to assume the right elsewhere, but it is only at Speaker's Corner that it is enshrined in an Act of Parliament.

The somewhat prosaic-sounding Park Regulation Act of 1872 says that: "Anyone with a mind to do so, may now declaim on any subject he choses, providing he is not obscene, blasphemous or does not constitute an incitement to a breach of the peace." I'm not sure from the scenes that I witnessed a few weeks ago, when recording the programme *On the Corner*, to be broadcast on Radio 4 tomorrow, that any of these commands to good behaviour are obeyed. One of the speakers was provocatively and outrageously blasphemous, while at least one other would have been considered obscene by Mrs Whitehouse, and others.

But leaving that to one side, the fact is that speakers have gathered at this spot to exercise their right to free speech for well over 100 years. This small concrete island just a heckler's shout from the noise and bustle of Marble Arch and Park Lane is the home of a unique British institution, or so they say. There is nothing like it anywhere else in the world, Donald Soper declares. It certainly draws the tourists. They gather in their hundreds every Sunday afternoon in summer to see the right to free speech exercised on the site of the Tyburn gallows.

It all sounds very romantic, and in a sense it is. After all, it's part of a tradition that goes back to the days when a condemned man was allowed a last word before the noose tightened around his neck. The spot has hosted major political rallies and demonstrations, including the massive ones against Sunday trading and the Reform Bill and, more recently, in favour of unilateral nuclear disarmament. And it has entertained some famous names. Jomo Kenyatta spoke there, as did Comrade Lenin and anarchists Emma Goldman and Tom Mann, and the dockers' leader, Ben Tillett.

But it is over-rated and over-romanticized. The reality, as always, is slightly different to that of the *myth so carefully fostered by* the textbooks and the tourist guides. The truth is that it's a tacky place. Traffic noise almost drowns the speaker's voice, it's awash with litter, beer cans and pickpockets, and it is monopolized by sweaty tourists gnawing hamburgers. There are no longer the wooden soap boxes that I remember, or imagined, from my undergraduate days. They have been replaced by brightly coloured reinforced plastic milk crates and shiny aluminium ladders.

All this is, I suppose, to be expected and accepted as being no more than a sign of the times, progress. So also, no doubt, is the new custom of virtually ignoring the speakers. Most of those in the "audience", excepting the tourists, were there, they told me, because they were lonely and had nowhere else to go. The Corner has become a great open-air meeting place, somewhere to gossip and socialize. That's fine, but it does not have the atmosphere of a venerable and unique British institution so much as of that of a Middle Eastern bazaar.

But then the speakers no longer constitute much of a draw; probably never did. Donald Soper still performs there every Sunday, as he has done for the past 50 years, but he's a lonely, if distinguished, figure. He is one of the few who actually has something to say, who is serious and sincere and who wants an argument and who is actually seeking to influence others, even make converts. There aren't many others like him. The politicians, Tony Benn excepted for the last two weeks, never step forth in the place. Instead speakers tend to be religious and racial cranks and zealots who help the Corner live up to its reputation as being an "open-air lunatic asylum".

They are also predominantly foreigners. It's now comparatively rare to see a British subject exercising his right to free speech in Hyde Park. It is used instead by Palestinians to harangue the Israelis, by Libyans to denounce the Americans, by Americans to criticize the Latin Americans and by Iranians to denigrate everyone.

The foreigners' takeover of Hyde Park Corner is only one aspect of how it has changed. The other, and more disturbing, is the growth of the yobbish tendency. Every Sunday without exception this so-called shrine of British democracy plays host to a small but well organized and disciplined group of hecklers who deliberately set out to disrupt and destroy the meetings. And they succeed. There is no free speech when they are around, yet no one seems to care about the way this verbal thuggery is ruining the bastion of free speech. Unless action is taken against them soon they will destroy it in the same way that others like them have helped to destroy football.

But then perhaps we shouldn't worry too much. After all, it merely reflects the rest of Britain: getting a little tawdry and dominated by foreigners and thugs.

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Glorious sun of that other York

New York

Another American summer is now reaching its blazing height. I like to sum up the difference between the English and American summer, even at the former's elegant honey-for-tea best, by telling the story of the famous bet between the Prince Regent and Beau Brummel as to which side of a Brighton street would have more cats. The Prince Regent won, by choosing the sunny side. In America the cats stay in the shade.

The heat hits you like a wall when you go outdoors in Manhattan during the summer, so intense that you expect to see steam. There isn't any, but your eyes have trouble anyway, because the light is so brilliant. And the *humidity can leave you drenched* with perspiration in seconds.

Only map addicts like myself are generally aware of how far America lies southward of England. New York City, for example, is in the latitude of Naples. It's not surprising that summer temperatures here can exceed 100°. And the eastern seaboards of continents typically have less rainfall, which explains why whole levels of English clouds are missing here, and why, even during the periodic awe-inspiring thunderstorms, pure blue skies are always just around the corner.

Much of America doesn't have humidity, of course. And air conditioning has revolutionized life in the South and East where it is a problem. In Washington, which according to legend the British Foreign Office once treated as a tropical hardship post, a common witticism is that activist federal government only began when air-conditioning made it possible for Congress to stay in *session through the summer.*

Personally, I adore air-conditioning. It has some disconcerting side effects, however. The contrast of heat and humidity between indoors and outdoors is supposed to cause summer colds. Car windscreens sometimes steam up on the *outside.* And if you leave your car window slightly ajar, the hot day slithers in and coils around your feet like an octopus's inquiring tentacle.

The absolute reliability of *warm, sunny summers is the* common experience of Americans (and most Canadians). The effect is reinforced by the physical munificence of the continent. All down the east coast of America, for example, for some 2,000 miles from Maine to the Florida Keys, stretch more or less continuous broad, sandy beaches. They support a continuous and homogenous summer culture of surfboards, cottage communities and sun worship.

Americans are naturally a committee-forming, election-holding, self-governing people. The trait enables thousands of young people in Washington, New York and Boston to band together every year and rent houses for the summer, dividing their rights and responsibilities minutely and organizing social activities so *thoroughly that each city in effect* establishes a seasonal shadow of itself by the seaside.

The American summer is ritually bounded by two of several public holidays that form three-day weekends during the period: Memorial Day in May and Labor Day in early September. School holidays are very much longer than in Britain, reflecting the harvest needs of a population that was predominantly rural until much later. Perfect weather and the leisure to enjoy it combine to give summer an emotive force that forms a discernible theme running through American popular songs and stories.

Years ago, the historian Frederick Jackson Turner developed the "frontier thesis", a celebrated explanation of the American character in terms of the influence of the open frontier with its apparently endless promise of free land and a new life. The frontier thesis is rarely discussed now. Probably it means little to the *many descendants* of more recent immigrants, who settled in the cities after the West was won and the frontier officially declared closed in the 1890 census.

But it is perhaps not altogether fanciful to speculate about a "summer thesis". The Americans' unfailing summer might well have helped form their natural optimism, its bright primary colours could have subtly encouraged their simplicity, and its astonishing bounty enhanced their essential goodwill.

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THE THREAT OF GLASNOST

When they demonstrated in Red Square recently the Crimean Tatars, descendents of noble or at least tenacious fighters, held up crudely daubed placards saying "*Glasnost*". Following the same logical route, Solidarity demonstrators in Poland, as well as Czech and Hungarian dissidents have chanted "Gor-ba-chov" at critical moments – treating the Soviet Leader as a kind of patron saint to be deployed against the police baton or the censor. Perhaps the General Secretary is flattered by the attention. But there are those in Moscow, we suspect, who are not amused.

The Tatars are not likely to gain much satisfaction from Mr Gorbachov's response to their protest. A Commission set up with KGB sponsorship and chaired by President Andrei Gromyko does not augur well. But they have unwittingly become a test case. *Glasnost*, the use of limited public candour for political ends, now no longer applies only to economic bottle necks, the black Stalin years and tricky social issues (pollution, drug addicts, mental illness, prostitutes) but also to the question of nationality. There is no more sensitive area of Soviet life.

For example, within the Soviet borders there are more than 40 million moslems. Their birth-rate easily outpaces that of the Russians and increasingly they are asking for the right to modernise their societies without Russian interference. Intervention by Moscow – whether it be in political preferment of Russians, or Russian language teaching, or the military draft, or in the licensing of churches and mosques – is resented not only by the moslem's of Soviet Central Asia but also in the Baltic republics, the Ukraine and Armenia.

As well as this discontent, there are the Soviet nationalities without a home – the ethnic Germans and the Tatars – who are demanding the correction of unjust wartime decisions. And the Soviet jews, who despite a recent improvement (3,900 have emigrated so far this year), are still only trickling out of the country. There is some misapprehension in the West about *glasnost*. *Glasnost* is not a policy. It is an attitude, a way of approaching selected problems, but not the only one. Mr Gorbachov has a choice. He can extend *glasnost* to each of the constituent republics of the Soviet Union – and encourage it in the Soviet neighbours – and hope for a revival of morale, a livelier economic and political climate. That carries substantial risks; above all, the prospect of a slow dissolution of the Soviet fraternity.

Alternatively, he can deal with each problem as the case merits, shooting demonstrators in Kazakhstan (last December), talking to them in Moscow, allowing disidents to publish their own magazine in Warsaw (the commendable and intriguing *Respublica*) and having their phones cut in Prague, permitting Tatars to chant in Red Square while sending armoured cars against them in Uzbekistan. This too is a dangerous line because Soviet subjects and satellites have one primary demand of a new Kremlin leader: consistency. Czech and East German Officials, confronted with the idea that they are out of step with Moscow reformist cause, raise their arms and say: "But what is the Gorbachov line?"

What indeed? Mr Gorbachov is caught in the jaws of a dilemma: candour or control? To be candid, to make *glasnost* a uniform practice, is to foster unrest from East Berlin to Siberia, from Riga to Alma Ata. Yet to tighten the screws against independent nationalism and at the same time to expect factory managers to act with initiative in pursuit of profit and efficiency is a hopeless undertaking, a confusion of carrots and sticks.

If Mr Gorbachov is to be more than a transitional leader he must face this dilemma. For the internal opposition to his policies will not come, as usually predicted in the West, from stick-in-the-mud bureaucrats or obstructive apparatchiks. These can be outflanked if one has full control over personnel and propaganda policies. Rather, those trying to unseat Mr Gorbachov will accuse him of unravelling the Soviet block, of allowing the growth of independent nationalism and of weakening the power of Moscow. The Soviet Union is a multi-national organisation held together by force or the threat of force, not by persuasion or consent. *Glasnost*, if it is intended as a mere safety valve while the Soviet leadership demand economic sacrifice, should be supported. But when *glasnost* threatens the cement of empire, when it spurs on nationalist discontent, it endangers the survival of Mr Gorbachov.

A CRIME FOR THE COLONEL

While the world's attention has turned to Iran, what is happening back at Irangate? The Congressional committee hearings have ended. The aim of the Democratic majority was to expose Republican wrongdoing and chaos. But that was not all which was exposed. So was Lt.-Col. North – but to the admiring gaze of what is assumed, not least by the average American politician, to be the average American.

The Democrats on the committee had remembered the way in which the last lot of Republican conspirators (the Watergate ones) had cringed before a similar tribunal. They had high hopes of bullying Lt.-Col. North. He ended up bullying them.

They felt able to be much ruder to the other conspirator, the plumper, less glamorous Admiral John Poindexter. But now the problem remains: what should be done about Lt.-Col North? When it became known that he and Admiral Poindexter had tried to divert to the Nicaraguan Contras the cash raised from Iran by the arms-for-American hostages bargain, it was widely assumed that a crime had been committed.

The sales were assumed to have violated the Boland, passed by Congress. Essentially, these amendments did two things. They forbade money appropriated by Congress to be used to arm the Contras. And they forbade any Government intelligence agency to assist the Contras. But the admiral and the lieutenant colonel did not divert to the Contras any money appropriated for another purpose by Congress. They intended only to use money raised from Iran.

There is also considerable doubt as to whether the National Security Council, for which they worked, is a Government intelligence agency. The Democrats say it has become so. Admiral Poindexter and Lt.-Col North point out that a 1981 presidential order listing all intelligence agencies – which was accepted by the Democrats as the document which defines the breed – did not include it.

To get round such problems, various fraud statutes – hitherto used in tax evasion – may be brought into play. There is even talk of using anti-racketeering laws, enacted to fight organized crime. Arming the Contras would have to be made to look akin to gun-running for the Mafia. What of the shredding of documents which Lt.-Col. North admitted to the Congressional hearing? Surely that is destruction of evidence? It is. But he is protected by the partial imunity from prosecution granted to him by Congress to get him to give as much information as possible.

When the affair began, the word "criminal" – because of post-Watergate influences – was used too lightly. Even President Reagan, by appointing that quintessential post-Watergate figure, the special prosecutor, tacitly conceded that – whatever Admiral Poindexter and Lt.-Col North had done – it must have been criminal. Mr Reagan has changed his tune on that now.

But once appointed, the special prosecutor and his staff take on a life of their own, unrestrained by White House or Congress. Their own "machismo" might make them want to find a way to put the two men in the dock. At that point, the politicians – in what would either be an election year or an approaching one – can be expected to become a lot less enthusiastic in their pursuit of wrongdoing by the lieutenant colonel. A trial could have huge repercussions for next year's campaign. If he is put on trial on a convoluted charge, he will look like a victim of the law rather than its violator.

It is cautionary tale for those in a democracy whose attitude is moulded by Watergate, and who see politics as being largely about cover-ups and conspiracies indulged in by their own country – a tale as cautionary for Britain as for the United States. Lt.-Col North's Democratic pursuers – faced with this showy soldier whom they thought had tried to subvert the constitution – must have felt that, like their predecessors in the French Third Republic, they had found a General Boulanger. Unless they are careful, they could end up with a Dreyfus.

FOURTH LEADER

Judges are frequently, and with some reason, thought to be unworldly figures, for ever asking "Who is Joan Collins?" or "What is a Yuppie?" But a judge in Italy has now gone about as far as is possible in the field of judicial naivety. An estranged couple had come before him, each claiming possession of the matrimonial apartment, and plainly at daggers drawn. Only a judge could have come up with such a solution; he awarded the bedroom to the wife and the living-room to the husband, and he topped the lot by ordering them to share the bathroom and kitchen.

Something in the story suggests that there is shortly going to be a murder-trial before this judge; let us hope that he comes to a rather more sensible conclusion when it does. To condemn such a pair to an indefinite regime of shared accommodation is not only certain to make their mutual dislike much worse, but comes close to what in American law is called "cruel and unusual punishment." (And remember that the judge's decree was not imposed as a sentence; it was supposed to be a solution.)

Nation shall speak peace unto nation; the wolf shall dwell with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; but the kindliest mother-in-law shall not share a kitchen with the daughter-in-law, the most devoted sisters shall not take one the bedroom and the other the living-room and stay there, and the very honeymooners shall not continue their billing and cooing if there are stockings in the basin when a fellow wants a shave. And this benighted justicer thinks it will work with a husband and wife who have already made it plain that they want nothing more to do with one another.

King Solomon has a lot to answer for; but at least it should be remembered that the baby in the case was not, in the end, cut in half. Our Italian Solomon would at once have called for a carving-knife, sundered the disputed infant into two equal parts, handed one to each of the two claimants and felt that he had done a good day's work.

Possibly he hoped that in the split-level apartment proximity might lead to a reconciliation; since it was in the same proximity that the animosity had been bred, his hopes are likely to be dashed. The case should be sent back by a higher court, with instructions to the judge to order the flat to be sold and the proceeds divided exactly between husband and wife. Let us hope that he doesn't take the exactitude of the division so far as to tear the banknotes in half.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

National interest at stake in Gulf

From Mr Ray Whitney, MP for Wycombe (Conservative)
Sir, After the Government's regrettable decision not to send much-needed minesweepers to the Gulf, Professor Donald Watt's call for Britain and the United States to adopt a common policy in the area ("Letting the side down", August 4) is very welcome. The pity is that so many similar calls have gone unheeded over the years.

Our refusal to help to ensure the safety of international waters only days after the Prime Minister had so strongly reaffirmed her commitment to the freedom of navigation during her Washington visit is the most striking demonstration yet of the power of anti-American sentiment in this country. The Government is now so sensitive to charges that it dances to Washington's tune that it has been led into a decision that is manifestly against our national interests.

Admirals (or, where appropriate, generals) will always emphasise the difficulties of any operation and FCO (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) officials the provocative impact it might have on a delicate situation. It is part of their duties to do so and ministers must take proper account of the case they make.

But in this instance the operational problems are very far from insuperable and it is difficult to believe that a readiness to clear mines from international waters would provoke the Iranians to more outrageous acts than they have committed already. Indeed it is more likely that this latest show of timidity and disunity among Western nations will encourage still further the hotheads in Tehran.

The Government should now retrieve the situation by immediately seeking to develop a joint plan of action in the Gulf with the Americans and the French. In concert with our allies we might also test the sincerity of Soviet intentions by inviting them to participate.
Yours faithfully,
RAY WHITNEY,
House of Commons.
August 5.

From Mr David Howell, MP for Guildford (Conservative)
Sir, Britain's policy of "Not now, but not never" in the Gulf sounds a bit like the United States in 1914 and 1939.

Eventually the Americans recognised that fanatical German expansionism and terror threatened the whole world's peace and stability, including their own, and joined in wholeheartedly.

In the same way no doubt Britain – and even her European neighbours – will come to see that the expansion of warped Islamic fanaticism is one of the chief dangers to world stability today, including Europe's, and requires the promotion, with the utmost vigour and authority, of combined inter-allied, and if possible fully international, efforts to contain the spreading poison from Iran.

That we are being complimented for standing aside in the Gulf by the Beijing Government, whose weapons are widely reported to be adding to the turmoil and disruption in the region, is perhaps further evidence that our policy needs adapting and that further endeavours in this direction by the Foreign Secretary should be strongly supported.
Yours faithfully,
DAVID HOWELL,
House of Commons.
August 6.

Scientist excluded

From Professor H. B. Barlow, FRS
Sir, One of the few encouraging features of the state of British science brought out in the Royal Society's recent report (June 30) was the existence of a healthy flow of young scientists into this country from abroad. Apparently this is now to be stopped.

A year ago I obtained funds for a research assistant and the post was advertised. Only a few responded, for there is no unemployement among those with computer skills, but one of the candidates was an able young Hungarian much more suitable for the job than any of the others.

I therefore applied for a work permit and offered him the post if this were obtained. After a delay of three months it was refused on the grounds that he was too young and not sufficiently well qualified.

It was then just three days before he became 23, the Department of Employment's critical age for granting work permits. I appealed, and now, eight months later, hear that they again refuse to grant a work permit, and once more no attempt is made to explain why they think they can judge his qualification for the job better than his prospective employer.

Our Prime Minister is clearly no friend of dictatorship by a dilatory and misguided bureaucracy: why then does she allow Government servants to obstruct those trying to prosecute vigorous research in an area with important practical applications? Will this put the "Great" back into Britain?
Yours faithfully,
HORACE B. BARLOW,
Trinity College, Cambridge.
July 22.

Mecca pilgrimage

From the Secretary General of the Muslim Solidarity Committee
Sir, With reference to your report (August 4) on the Haj, the Prophet Ishmael was described as a "bastard child", yet his mother, Hagar, was called a "slave-wife".

If, as the Bible confirms, she was the Prophet Abraham's wife given to him by Sarah, you have indirectly accused the Prophet Abraham of being an adulterer, which would upset many Jews and Christians, as well as Muslims.
Yours faithfully,
S. M. T. WASTI,
Secretary General,
Muslim Solidarity Committee,
Ilford House,
133-135 Oxford Street, W1.
August 5.

Disaster relief

From the Director of Cruse
Sir, Sondra Milne Henderson's letter (July 31) prompts me to share some details of Cruse's plans in regard to disaster relief. I do so partly to inform but also to attempt to avoid unnecessary duplication and to promote discussion between those concerned.

Cruse has been involved in most major disasters, starting with Aberfan in 1966. As a result of so much experience and insights gained we drew up, in 1986, a disaster plan. In brief, it proposes the establishment of a team, who would draw on the services and advice of many more, to provide immediate and long-term help following a disaster, both to those involved in care and those bereaved as a result.

The emphasis will be on the psychological, social and community needs, some of which surface only gradually, many of which persist much longer than often realised.

Our experience following the Zeebrugge tragedy has strongly reinforced the need for such a team. Discussions are continuing with the Government and others on funding to carry out this plan.
Yours faithfully,
DEREK NUTTALL, Director,
Cruse (National organisation for the widowed and their children),
Cruse House, 126 Sheen Road,
Richmond, Surrey.
July 31.

VAT zero option

From Mr George J. Levy
Sir, Lord Denning (August 5) writes in connection with the zero-rating under VAT: "Parliament is still sovereign here". This is not in accord with what the Minister for the Arts, Mr Richard Luce, said last November: "In the absence of unanimity, the only way in which a decision could be imposed on member states would be by a judgment of the European Court of Justice".
Yours faithfully,
GEORGE J. LEVY,
H. Blairman & Sons Ltd,
119 Mount Street, W1.
August 5.

'Spycatcher' ruling

From Mr Bruce Laughland, QC
Sir, Even though we are at the height of the silly season, it is perplexing to find in public conflict such distinguished lawyers and legislators as Mr Ivan Lawrence, QC, MP (August 4) and Lord Scarman (August 3).

Lord Scarman is in favour of a Bill of Rights – to which he will be heartened to learn that Mr Lawrence is "by no means opposed". Mr Lawrence complains that weight is attached ("primacy", he calls it) to the fact that important material from *Spycatcher* is in the public domain. Moreover, he relies in his criticisms of Mr Peter Wright on the breach of an oath of confidentiality and on his expected profit from the book.

Crown servants such as Mr Peter Wright are bound in law by the Official Secrets Acts and by their contracts of employment, both written and implied by common law. There are no "oaths of confidentiality" and reference to them is no more than inventive hyperbole.

Moreover, the law of confidentiality does not extend to enable the Executive to forbid former Crown servants from revealing crimes committed by themselves or their colleagues. Profit from the publication is irrelevant to the real public issues. If publication is lawful, it does not become unlawful merely because the critic considers the publisher's motive disreputable.

It seems to me that Mr Lawrence overlooks the fact that these are interlocutory proceedings and that injunctive relief is discretionary. In interlocutory proceedings there is no trial of the issues. Interim injunctive relief is granted to protect a status quo capable of protection without undue damage to someone asserting an opposing claim.

If, as in the Wright case, the contents of the book are already published, the former status quo can no longer be protected. Injunctive relief (which is a very practical, workaday weapon) is, in the view of many people, no longer appropriate nor effective in this case.
Yours faithfully,
BRUCE LAUGHLAND,
4 King's Bench Walk,
Temple, EC4.
August 4.

Lord Rawlinson of Ewell's letter yesterday should have referred to "Lord Scarman *et al*", not to Lord Shawcross as printed.

Part solution on country jobs

From the Chief Planning Officer of Babergh District Council
Sir, Mr Derek Smith (July 21) names one of the obstacles to providing employment opportunities in redundant farm buildings as being the difficulties placed by the planning authorities. Until perhaps five years ago this may well have been the case in the Babergh district in south Suffolk.

This district is an essentially rural, very attractive and relatively prosperous area under considerable development pressure. With the decline in the national economy the council recognised the important role which local authorities have in encouraging economic recovery and, accordingly, adopted an economic development strategy.

The recently published discussion document on a local plan for the whole Babergh district contains a presumption against the granting of planning permission for the conversion of redundant buildings in the countryside to residential use. It also specifies the factors which the council will take into account to establish whether the building should more suitably be retained for employment purposes.

But if a farm building is too remote, say, from the main centre of operations to have any use for agricultural purposes, is it surprising that it is not much use for anything else? Standing serenely, often with cathedral-like proportions, in the middle of a cornfield reached by a muddy cart track, these buildings were built for agriculture, not for industry.

Here in Babergh we actively encourage farmowners to consult us first so we can weed out the blatantly unsuitable and eliminate the waste-of-time, waste-of-money exercise of "no-hope" planning applications. And for those which do have potential – and there are many – we have a modest grant scheme to encourage speculative diversification projects: a step-by-step guide on the processes involved (building regulations, what services are required, car parking standards, etc, etc).

We will discuss proposals on site, suggest contacts for further advice, and give assistance in finding tenants from our lists of small firms looking for premises and through our vacant land and premises register.

Of course, car repairers in every cowshed are out of the question, but there are many quiet industries which can be harmlessly tucked away in odd corners of the countryside, and we have many examples to prove the point.
Yours faithfully,
G. E. SWAIN,
Chief Planning Officer,
Babergh District Council,
Planning Department,
Corks Lane, Hadleigh,
Ipswich, Suffolk.
July 27.

How Austin began

From Mr Rodney Drake
Sir, With reference to your report on Austin cars (August 3), your readers may be interested to learn that Herbert Austin actually started making motor cars in 1898 when he was with the Wolseley Sheep Shearing Machine Company in Birmingham, which I joined in 1952 and of which I became managing director in 1953.

My father, a doctor, bought a Wolseley car from him in 1900 and drove it all the way back to Redhill, Surrey – quite a feat in those days.

In 1901 the "Wolseley Sheep" board sold that part of their business to Vickers (whence it eventually went to Morris) leaving Austin to go off and start his own factory at Longbridge. But he retained his connection with "Wolseley Sheep", using its considerable engineering skills to develop some of his prototypes and nearly bankrupting it in the process.

The company survived, however, and after the Second World War became a founder member of the Wolseley group of companies, whose shareholders are now prospering greatly – acknowledging, I trust, the wisdom of the 1901 decision!
Yours etc,
RODNEY DRAKE,
Far Leys,
Tanworth-in-Arden,
Warwickshire.
August 4.

Archer libel case

From Mr Jack Bell
Sir, The General Secretary of the Institute of Journalists (August 4) is against restriction of the press, intended to protect citizens from unprincipled false attacks, because it would also seriously hamper newspapers' ability to expose corruption and other forms of wrongdoing.

So am I. But in most professions there is a code of ethics and a system of self-regulation to ensure that it is complied with. Yes, the code may be breached, but there is condign punishment for those who do.

Does not the Institute of Journalists have such a code? If it does, why cannot it regulate the behaviour of its members? If it does not . . ?
Yours faithfully,
JACK BELL,
58 Priory Crescent, SE19.
August 4.

All in a row

From Lieutenant R. P. Harley, RN
Sir, As a naval officer and a classicist, I was delighted with your photograph (August 4) of a reconstructed Athenian trireme, which united so eloquently my two vocations.

The rowing routines, described in your article, which were stretching the skills of modern British oarsmen, reminded me of the dedication demanded from ancient Athenian mariners for trireme manoeuvres by their leader Pericles, as reported in Thucydides I, 142, 9:

Seamanship is a skill just like anything else, and it is impossible to perform it proficiently as a haphazard, spare-time activity. In fact it leaves no spare time for anything else.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT HARLEY,
The Officers' Mess,
RAF Newton, Nottingham.
August 5.

ON THIS DAY

AUGUST 8 1821

Queen Caroline of Brunswick (1768-1821) married the future King George IV in 1795 but within a year they separated and she went abroad. When he became king in 1820 she was refused admission to Westminster Abbey for the coronation. The Times eventually championed her cause

LONDON, WEDNESDAY, August 8, 1821

The tragedy of the persecutions and death of a QUEEN is at length brought to its awful close; and thousands – we may say millions – of eyes will be suffused in tears, when they shall read in this column that CAROLINE of BRUNSWICK is no more. The greatest, perhaps the best woman of her day, sunk by what may be called a premature death, at twenty-five minutes past ten yesterday evening.

Her illustrious daughter – the only object, in truth, for which the mother wished to live – died three years and nine months before her: and, in their persons, a branch the most illustrious of the reigning House of England, and the closest to the Royal stem, which, under happier auspices and more kindly treatment, might have given future EDWARDS and HENRIES and ELIZABETHS, to the country, is for ever and for ever cut off. How the surviving members of the Royal Family may feel on this portentous occurrence, we know not; but the nation, which, during the sufferings of the QUEEN, evinced its loyalty to her person and its admiration of her character, feels now widowed by her decease; the politicians must perceive with some anxiety, that the destinies of the monarchy are now transferred to, and wound up with, the life of an infant girl. Sound be her frame, and length-ened be her days! But the nation has once already too fondly indulged hopes resting on such a basis, to repose implicit confidence in that which a sorrowful experience, as well as reason hath taught it to be so frail.

THE QUEEN:– we will not say that she was in her last moments deserted by her friends or kinsfolk: they who had long deserted her came not near her even at that affecting crisis. The official forms of the Court were neglected in her case; and no other announcement of the state of her malady was given to the anxious people, than that which private friendship and unshaken devotion afforded:– but her MAJESTY was sustained by the consciousness of innocence; she was soothed by the consolations of religion; and that firm courage which a benevolent Providence had so amply supplied to her, and all the members of her suffering race, did not desert her when she came to struggle with the last enemy of our nature. She died as she had lived, a Christian heroine, and a martyr. We must refer to another part of the journal for the details of this affecting subject.

HER MAJESTY'S enemies, we believe, are appalled at the unexpected event. They look at each other with inquiring faces – "We did not do it?" No; the last stroke was a merciful dispensation, and was therefore none of yours. Whatever comfort you may derive from this reflection, seize it with avidity, and enjoy the meagre feast. But time wears away space; and your day of account draws near. Then, then, when the charge of hastening the QUEEN'S end shall be brought against you by that Being who knows "whereof we are made," and perceives by what secret operations of the mind the body is gradually worn down, or abruptly shattered into its original dust,– then urge the extenuating plea, "Thou canst not say we did it." And there may that plea avail! But as the first step to repentance here, is the knowledge of the offence; we must for your future good inform you, that however undaunted was the courage of her MAJESTY, yet that the cruelty of her enemies, the ingratitude of her friends, and the general baseness of Courtiers, did at times most deeply prey upon her spirits, and imparting incessant shocks to a frame, did there occasion symptoms and affections which were likely to lead to this result. . .

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

August 7: The Queen today opened Britoil's Clyde Oil Field at a ceremony in the Company's Headquarters in Glasgow.

Her Majesty travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight to Glasgow Airport and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (Councillor Robert Gray, the Right Hon the Lord Provost).

The Queen then drove to Britoil's Headquarters, and having been received by the Chairman, Britoil plc (Sir Philip Shelbourne), Her Majesty viewed a working model of the Clyde platform and unveiled commemorative plaques in the Headquarters and by direct link to the Clyde platform.

Afterwards Her Majesty honoured the Chairman with her presence at luncheon.

Mr Ian Lang, MP (Minister of State for Scotland; Minister-in-Attendance), Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Kenneth Scott and Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, RN were in attendance.

Birthdays

TODAY: Professor Jack Baldwin, chemist, 49; Lord Campbell of Eskan, 75; Sir Joseph Cantley, former High Court judge, 77; Lord Chapple, 66; Sir John Fletcher-Cooke, colonial officer, 76; Sir Barney Hayhoe, MP, 62; Mr Dustin Hoffman, actor, 50; Lieutenant-General Sir David House, 65; Mr Nigel Mansell, racing driver, 34; Sir Alan Muir Wood, civil engineer, 66; Sir Patrick Neill, QC, vice-chancellor, Oxford University, 61; Sir Denning Pearson, former chairman, Rolls-Royce, 79; Professor Roger Penrose, mathematician, 56; Sir Hugh Rankin, sheep breeder, 88; Lord Tranmire, 84; Mr Justice Wood, 65; Professor J. Yudkin, nutritionist, 77.

TOMORROW: Sir Ewen Broadbent, civil servant, 63; the Right Rev Colin Buchanan, Bishop of Aston, 53; Professor Elizabeth Cutter, botanist, 58; Mr Tam Dalyell, MP, 55; Baroness Denington, 80; Mr Ahmed E.H. Jaffer, chairman, English-Speaking Union of Pakistan, 78; Sir Christopher Laidlaw, company director, 65; Dame Elizabeth Lane, former High Court judge, 82; Mr Rod Laver, tennis player, 49; Sir Frank Layfield, QC, 66; Rear-Admiral G.C. Ross, 87; Solomon, pianist, 85; Sir Mark Weinberg, chairman, Allied Dunbar Assurance, 56; Major-General Sir Christopher Welby-Everard, 78; Mr J.V. Wellesley, former chairman, Charles Barker Group, 54; Lord Young of Dartington, 72.

Alan Webster

Tourism and prayer in conflict

Worshippers are as determined as tourists. On Easter Day this year at St Paul's Cathedral in London, a young woman from Iowa arrived under the dome two hours before the service she wished to attend and waited satisfied and serene for the entry of the choir and clergy.

Meanwhile, all 2,500 chairs were filled and there was standing room for several hundred at the back. A young man apologised for his oversized backpack. "I left Sydney yesterday. I have come straight from Heathrow. I was determined that a service at St Paul's should be my first event in England."

Encounters with sightseers are common at all cathedrals, though the numbers at Westminster Abbey, Canterbury and St Paul's, which are now about 2.5 million a year, present those buildings with the most intense pressures and lead their authorities to wonder what will happen when the Channel tunnel is built.

We were given a hint at last year's Cathedral Pilgrims' Association conference when the administrator of Notre Dame in Paris reckoned that eight million visitors enter his cathedral each year.

Both visitors and worshippers are attracted by English cathedral music. Century after century, our churches have echoed to music which has a generosity of spirit and a variety of repertoire as fine as in any of the world's cathedrals.

The music of worship has emphasised our need to pause, to appreciate the religious composers of many ages. Cathedral musicians and contemporary composers have never been more active than they are today. Close cooperation between festival organisers, such as the City Arts Festival Trust and St Paul's Cathedral, is a fruitful way of increasing the repertoire of music which can be heard in cathedrals.

Another response to the conflict between worshipper and tourist has been the adaptation of buildings and routines, so that cathedrals can remain momentary monasteries as well as historic sites for tourists. Some of those lucky enough to possess a cathedral close have converted them to "opens", with a conference house, a visitors' centre, headquarters for cathedral friends who can welcome and answer questions as well as listen to individual visitors.

The Taizé Community in France, where every Sunday seems to be an Easter Day and hundreds of young Christians from around the world are welcomed, is slowly spreading a new approach adopted by many European cathedrals. Westminster Abbey, Westminster Cathedral and St Paul's acted as hosts to the Taizé Pilgrimage of 18,000 young people this year, who prayed for many hours kneeling on bare floors.

Judging from the religious sections in bookshops, our generation is hungry for spirituality and often seeks for this in the East, unaware of traditional Christian approaches.

The West has mystics, martyrs, artists and prophets whom we ignore to our loss. Canterbury's modern martyrs' chapel, with its reminders of Martin Luther King, Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Oscar Romero, and Chichester's welcome to the work of contemporary artists, show that cathedrals are places where Christian sprituality is being rediscovered.

Of course, the conflict could be controlled if high charges or restriction of numbers or elimination of visitors on Sundays or when services are in progress became the order of the day.

But the churches in Britain - Anglican, Roman Catholic and Church of Scotland - are all determined to see their cathedrals as significant spaces graciously open to those who choose to come. Despite the suggestions of the House of Commons Select Committee, they are hesitant about charging for admission, though fees are often charged for towers or crypt for which extra security vergers are often needed.

Those who enter cathedrals as visitors may be moved to wonder and to pray. People in distress still treat cathedrals as sanctuaries. Many cathedrals, such as Durham, are so much part of their neighbourhood that to charge would be as odd as charging a Northcountryman to walk on the Pennine Way.

As so much depends upon the attitudes of the visitors themselves, how we welcome them is crucial: hence the recruitment of volunteer friends, chaplains, members of religious orders, and the young cathedral camps.

George Eliot described in 1856 how he was excluded from embattled Barchester - Exeter - "by the locked gate which shut out free entrance kept by the hard, dry-looking key keeper". Times have changed.

Our great cathedrals, open, spacious and welcoming, filled now and then with music, remain one of the most valuable testimonies to the Spirit in our cities.

Many of them are dominated by high-rise architecture and the huge numbers of tourists may nearly overwhelm them. But they remind us that within our culture there are divine landscapes, and a jostling of saints and sinners within our own minds. We should use the space of cathedrals, often given many centuries ago, for our own purposes today, which these buildings assert always include both wonder and prayer.

The writer is Dean of St Paul's.

Tomorrow's royal engagement

The Queen will visit Orkney to attend a service in St Magnus Cathedral to mark the 850th anniversary of its founding at 11.05.

Luncheon

British Council

Mr Brian Vale, Assistant Director-General of the British Council, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Spring Gardens in honour of Mr Vyacheslav Kazenin, Soviet Deputy Minister of Culture.

Service dinner

Essex Army Cadet Force

Colonel E.T. Boddye, County Commandant, and Officers of the Essex Army Cadet Force dined at Longmoor Training Camp, Liss, Hampshire, yesterday. Lieutenant-Colonel D.G. Mullis presided and the principal guests were Colonel D. Gray Newton, Major J.R. Horrell and Captain R.P. Laurie.



Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Fieldhouse inspecting cadets at the Sovereign's Parade, Sandhurst, yesterday. He is accompanied by Warrant Officer First Class Denis Cleary, the Academy Sergeant Major, who is due to retire shortly after 32 years as a regular soldier. He is the Army's senior serving RMS and it was his twentieth Sovereign's Parade. (Photograph: Julian Herbert).

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr H.G. Apter and Miss G.J. Dobson
The engagement is announced between Harry, son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Apter, of London, SW10, and Gabrielle, daughter of Mr Peter Dobson, of Cambridge, and Mrs D. Corlett, of the Isle of Man.

Mr C.J. Barry and Miss M.J. Sharp
The engagement is announced between Christopher, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J.H.W. Barry, of Sherborne, Dorset, and Melinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.W.G. Sharp, of Walmer, Kent.

Mr N.C.E. Cairns and Miss H.M. Gore
The engagement is announced between Niall, son of the Rev Dr Hugh and Mrs Cairns, of St Andrews College, University of Sydney, Australia, and Helena, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Gore, of Port na Mine, Taynuilt, Argyll.

Mr E.N. Carlisle and Miss C.P. Steen
The engagement is announced between Euan, son of Mr and Mrs Norman Carlisle, of Cobham, Surrey, and Charlotte, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Steen, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

Mr E.J. Giles and Miss A.L. Jones
The engagement is announced between Edward, only son of Mr and Mrs John Giles, of Ambersley, Gloucestershire, and Amanda Lacey, elder daughter of Mrs P. Jones and the late Mr R.M. Jones, of Hay-on-Wye, Herefordshire.

Mr S.P.S. Weatherseed and Ms D.K. Butler
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs I.A. Weatherseed, of Hove, Sussex, and Deirdre, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M.K. Butler, of Kingston, Surrey.

Mr R.W. McCance and Dr K.J. Middle
The engagement is announced between Bill, son of Dr and Mrs Colin McCance, of Feughside, Kincardineshire, and Jane, daughter of Dr and Mrs Bryan Middle, of Chesham, Buckinghamshire.

Mr C.B. Hobbs and Miss H.M.E. Warburton
The engagement is announced between Christopher Bedo, eldest son of the Rev Michael and Mrs Hobbs, of Plaxtol, Kent, and Helen Margaret Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Warburton, of Midford-on-Sea and Madison, New Jersey, United States.

Mr J.R. Naylor and Miss C.E. Steinke
The engagement is announced between Jeremy Robert, second son of Mr and Mrs John Naylor, of 126 Wynchgate, Winchmore Hill, London, N21, and Caroline Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Steinke, of 146 Waterfall Road, Southgate, London, N14.

Mr R.J.O. Otway-Ruthven and Miss M.A. Debenham
The engagement is announced between Robert Jocelyn Oliver, elder son of Major R.M.B. Otway-Ruthven, RM, of Vancouver, Canada, and the late Mrs Otway-Ruthven, and Mary Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.T.K. Debenham, of West Wittering, Sussex.

Mr R.F. Paynter Bryant and Signorina N.A.M. Negrini
The engagement is announced between Robin Francis, elder son of Mr Timothy Bryant and Mrs George Menzies, of Palace Court, London, and Nicoletta Angela Maria, elder daughter of Signor Gianni Negrini and Signora Maria Santa Negrini, of Bologna, Italy.

Mr S.M. Pratt and Miss C.A. Ridpath
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs David Pratt, of Pebble Beach, California, United States, and Clarissa, younger daughter of Mr John Ridpath, of Zeal Monachorum, Devon, and Mrs Colin Harris, of Gosport, Hampshire.

Mr S.F. Purves and Miss C.M. Watts
The engagement is announced between Simon, second son of Dr and Mrs M.J. Purves, of Clifton, Bristol, and Carolyn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.H. Watts, of Frimley Green, Surrey.

Mr I.S. Reid and Miss G.R. Elliott
The engagement is announced between Iain Stewart Reid, of Amsterdam, Holland, and Geraldine Rosalie Elliott, of Clapham, London.

Mr K.A.O. Sjöström and Miss A.R. Roper
The engagement is announced between Karl Anders Olof, son of Mr and Mrs S-O. Sjöström, of Stockholm, and Alison Ruth, daughter of Professor and Mrs J.A. Roper, of Sheffield.

Count Christoph Grote and Miss I. Erpenbeck
The engagement is announced between Christoph Grote, The Foxburgh, Barnham Broom, Norfolk, only son of Count and Countess Arnulf Grote, of Bremen, and Ines, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Herman Erpenbeck, of Haseluenne, Federal Republic of Germany.

Marriages

Mr J.R. Morris and Miss J.L. Cox
The marriage took place on Friday, August 7, in Uxbridge, of Mr John R. Morris, son of the late Mr H.H.J. Morris and of Mrs H. Morris, of Bilbrook, Staffordshire, and Miss Joan L. Cox, daughter of Sir David and Lady Cox, of Ruislip, Middlesex.

Mr D.J. Church and Miss A.M.L. Fitzsimons
The marriage took place on July 25, 1987, in the Chapel of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, between Mr David Church, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Church, of Milton Keynes, and Miss Alice Fitzsimons, only daughter of Dr and Mrs J.T. Fitzsimons, of Cambridge. The Rev John Sturdy, Dean of the College, and Father Christoper Moss, SJ, Dean of St Edmund's College, Cambridge, officiated.

Mr J.K.C. de Courcy and Miss J.P. Potter
The marriage took place quietly in London, on Thursday, August 6, of Mr Joe de Courcy, of Blacklains Farm, Birdlip, Gloucestershire, and Miss Jayne Potter, of Midhurst, West Sussex.

OBITUARY

GENERAL IRA C. EAKER

American wings of victory



General Ira C. Eaker, Hon. KCB, Hon. KBE, DSM, US Army, DFC, who died on August 6, at the age of 91, was an outstanding American Air Force commander during the last war. He was Commander of the US Army Air Force in the British Isles and, afterwards, Commander of the Allied Air Forces in the Mediterranean.

For the demands of these two all-important positions he had an abundant store of imagination, daring and self-confidence – the fruits of long and full experience in virtually every aspect of flying.

In both commands he showed the highest qualities of initiative and decision, and added to them a special gift for co-operation which contributed largely to the establishment of ideal relations between the American and Royal Air Forces.

He was a leading advocate of the strategic daylight bombing of Germany and led the first American bombing raid in Europe, on marshalling yards outside Rouen on August 17, 1942.

Ira Clarence Eaker was born at Field Creek, Texas, on April 13, 1896. He was, therefore, twenty-one years old when the United States entered the First World War, and he was appointed a second-lieutenant in the infantry section of the Officers' Reserve Corps and stationed with the 64th Infantry at El Paso, Texas.

Almost at once he was placed on detached service with the newly-formed Army Air Corps in order to receive flying instruction at Austin and Kelly Fields. In a few months, however, he was transferred to the 84th Infantry of the Regular Army and was sent on to Rockwell Field, California.

In the summer of 1919 he went to Manila, returning to the United States three years later for duty at Mitchel Field, New York. While there he took a course in contract law at Columbia University. Then, after various staff posts in Washington he went, in 1932, to Bolling Field as operations and line maintenance officer.

Eaker's was a desk job, but he refused to be tied to the desk. He went on the Pan-American Flight which made a good-will trip round South America in 1926.

He was not unlike his colleague and friendly rival, Major-General James H. Doolittle, the leader of the American raid on Tokyo early in 1942. Both were trained in the science of aeronautics; and though they often seemed to be what are at times called "stunt artists", they well knew the risks they were taking.

In their struggle for fresh records, Doolittle generally won. Eaker did, however, win one record of his own – the world's record for endurance in 1929. To accomplish this he remained in the air in the machine bearing the name "Question Mark" (which his wife had given it) over Los Angeles for 150 hours without touching the ground. He was able to do so through a new system of refuelling in mid-air which he had perfected.

He was also probably the first to perfect "blind flying" for he flew 3,000 miles across the United States in a pursuit plane with a hooded cockpit merely by using his instruments.

He also made a close study, both theoretical and practical, of dive bombing only to be charged with "violating air traffic rules" after bringing his plane racing down from about 2,000 feet to only 100 feet over houses around the airport at Oakland, California, before coming out of the dive.

He then spent a few years out of the service of the Air Corps in charge of flying at Hoover Airfield, Washington. At this large airport he perfected the organizational skills which later proved invaluable. Further minor commands and staff appointments followed.

When, at the close of 1941, the United States entered the war, Eaker was in command of the 20th Fighter Group. Almost at once he was promoted colonel and, in January 1942, brigadier-general.

In February he took over Eighth USAAF Bomber Command in the British Isles. He had long held the theory that bombers can be decisive in war. Much was expected of him. He did not disappoint.

In August he was in a position to strike independently and launched his first all-American raid with twelve B-17 Flying Fortresses and a fighter escort made up of Spitfires on the marshalling yards and engine sheds at Rouen. Diversionary attacks were made simultaneously by other Fortresses, and from all operations every bomber returned safely. The entire load of bombs had struck home. A few days later Eaker was awarded the Silver Star.

In December he was given permanent command of the Eighth Air Force. The Royal Air Force could have asked for no more loyal or encouraging a comrade, for not only did he prove himself co-operative in all directions, but he took every suitable occasion to pay the highest tributes to the RAF.

Set only on securing the maximum of common effort, he deprecated comparisons between the two air forces, maintaining that each was superlative in its way.

At the Casablanca Conference of January 1943 he persuaded Roosevelt and Churchill to give daylight bombing an exhaustive trial before abandoning it, as had been urged. He was convinced that heavily-armed Fortresses in close formation could, without fighter escort, make accurate long-distance raids into Germany. Eaker directed many such raids with worthwhile results, though he was not given the reinforcements for which he asked.

Meanwhile his own command went from strength to strength, and in June 1943 he announced that it was doubling in hitting-power every four months. Then, in December, it was announced that Major-General Doolittle would succeed him in Great Britain and that he himself would become Commander of the Allied Air Forces in the Mediterranean.

In this new position Eaker was to render no less distinguished service. His air force was based in Italy and he continued the strategic bombing offensive against Germany and the Balkans.

In March 1944 he planned the bombing of the monastery at Monte Casino. During the autumn, as Air Commander-in-Chief of Operation Dragoon, the Allied invasion of southern France, he contributed greatly to the success of the Allied ground forces by his attacks on German communications and supplies, in spite of adverse weather.

For his "invaluable contribution to the success of air operations over Europe" he was awarded of the Distinguished Service Medal.

True to his conviction that an air leader should not operate from the ground alone, Eaker himself flew to Russia with the task force which accomplished the first flight to Russian bases, and returned with the first westward shuttle flight.

In all this he found the time to write, with General Henry H. Arnold, three books on aviation: *This Flying Game*, *Winged Warfare* and *Army Flyer*.

He also held the Oak Leaf Cluster. His many foreign decorations included the Legion of Merit, the Soviet Order of Kutusov; and, from before the war, the Peruvian Order of the Sun of Peru and the Bolivian Order of the Condor of the Andes.

He retired in 1947 and became vice-president of the Hughes Tool Co (1947 to 1957) and of Douglas Aircraft (1957 to 1961). He was founding president of the US Strategic Institute and the author for many years of a syndicated weekly newspaper column on matters concerning national security.

Eaker cut a dashing figure as a soldier. He was dark and swarthy in complexion, earnest-eyed and handsome. To adapt the words which he himself applied to his brothers in the Royal Air Force, in the hour of crisis his plans were bold and sound, his heart stout and his skilful hands at the controls of the chariot. The inevitable conclusion was victory.

His wife, Ruth, survives him. There were no children of the marriage.

MR CAMILLE CHAMOUN

Mr Camille Chamoun, a former Lebanese President, died yesterday at the age of 87.

Camille Bey Chamoun was born on April 3, 1900, in the Chouf district of Lebanon, of a distinguished Maronite family. His education was purely French, and he graduated from the Law School of the (Jesuit) University of St Joseph in 1922.

He was called to the Lebanese Bar in 1924, and for the next ten years practised in Beirut, dabbling also in politics and journalism.

He was elected to the Chamber of Deputies in 1934 where his clear and forceful oratory marked him out as ministerial material. He also became editor of the daily Arabic newspaper *Saut-el Ahrar* (Voice of Freedom).

The 1930s were a testing time for Lebanese politicians. The more nationalistic members wanted the abrogation of the French Mandate, under which the Lebanon still lay.

Chamoun, who by this time had developed strong nationalistic sentiments became a leading opponent of the French policy of keeping his country in subservience.

In 1938 he received his first ministerial appointment, as Minister of Finances, but with the French still in full control the office had little power.

His real opportunity came in 1941, when British and Free French troops expelled the Vichy French from Lebanon and Syria. The Free French, with British endorsement, promised independence to the two countries.

Chamoun's reward came in 1943 when elections, to which the Free French had consented only reluctantly and under British pressure, returned an independent-minded Government. He was made Minister of the Interior.

The termination of the Mandate was immediately announced, whereupon an authoritarian head of the Free French arrested most of the Government, including Chamoun, and incarcerated them in a distant camp. Only British pressure on de Gaulle brought about their release and return to office.

In 1945 Chamoun was made Lebanese Minister to London where, ably assisted by his beautiful Anglo-Lebanese wife, Zelpha, his attractive personality and advocacy of his country's interests enabled him to achieve marked success.

At the UN he pressed vigorously for the complete evacuation of French troops from his country. This led, in 1946, to an Anglo-French agreement on simultaneous withdrawal.

In 1947 he returned to Beirut to become Minister of the Interior in a new Government; and in 1952 he was elected President.

During his six-year tenure, Chamoun tirelessly urged Arab collaboration with the West; but by 1956 he had incurred the wrath of President Nasser of Egypt by advocating non-intervention by other Arab States in the Suez crisis.

As a result, his position was gradually undermined by Egyptian propaganda and by the discrediting of various Lebanese personalities.

The process was accelerated in 1957 when it became known that Chamoun was trying to modify the constitution to allow him to remain on as President. Rioting followed, reviving the endemic danger of Christian/Muslim confrontation in the country. Chamoun's followers being mainly Christians and his opponents' Muslims.

UN observers sent to supervise arms-running from Syria proved ineffective; and it was not until the United States, at Chamoun's urgent request, agreed to land marines in Lebanon that the fighting was quelled.

The State Department concluded, however, that normality would be restored only by Chamoun's resignation and replacement by a "neutral" personality. General Chehab was that replacement, and Chamoun withdrew to his native Chouf.

For the next eighteen years, he remained in the background, holding no office but having a finger in every political pie as presidents and governments came and went.

The death of his wife after a long illness profoundly affected him. He was, however, brought out of retirement in 1975 by the development of the worst political crisis ever to afflict Lebanon and its escalation into a full-scale civil war.

He emerged as the mentor of an extreme Maronite *faction* determined to preserve Maronite ascendancy and as the most extreme opponent of the Palestine Liberation Organization, whose commandoes he held responsible for the bitterness of the conflict.

He set up a Maronite enclave at the port of Jounieh in the north while appealing to Israel to oust the PLO from the south and to set up a similar enclave there, too.

Syrian intervention eventually stopped the fighting, which had caused heavy casualties and enormous material destruction, especially in Beirut.

But sectarian antagonism caused a political deadlock, and Chamoun remained the leader of a minority faction whose intransigence was a prime cause of the continuing stalemate and misery in his country.

He continued to play this role even after the crushing of his own party militia by the superior forces of Bashir Gemayel, the Phalangist leader, on July 7, 1980. Chamoun remained chairman of the Lebanese Front – the umbrella body of the Christian side in the war – and, at the age of 83, attended the "national reconciliation conferences" at Geneva and Lausanne in 1983 and 1984.

Only with the greatest reluctance did he accept the Syrian-sponsored compromise that followed these conferences.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

And when he was demad of the Pharisees, when the kingn of God should come, he answeredem and said, The kingdom of (cometh not with observation: Ner shall they say, Lo herel or, lorel for, behold, the kingdom of Gs within you.

St. Luke 17 : 20

BIRTHS

BAKER - On May 24th, francesca (née Aghabi) and Christer, a son, Daniel James.

BARCH - On August 5th, Sarah (née Moger) and Brian, daughter, Catharine Alice.

FARARAR - On August 1987, to Sophie (née Dorre) and re, a son, Theodore Austin, a ther for Emily and Henry.

FRASER - On August 1st Kings College Hospital, to Jon (nee Drummond) and John, laughter, Lindsay Charlotte.

GILES - On August 3rl1987, to Elizabeth (née Sharp) aSimon, a daughter, Laura Carolir.

HEAPS - On August 2nd, Vivienne (née Smith) and John son, a brother for Robert.

HORDAY - On August 4th Tamzin (née Walker) and Neil, laughter, Laura Georgina Maryar.

KIRK - On August 5th, at George's, Tooting, to Barbara (Weaver) and Michael, twins, Chio James Glover Trindet and ay Lelia Glover McCarthy.

LAGRUE - On August 3 to Paula Mary (née Dawson) andMichael, a son, Jason Paul Joseph, rother for Emily.

LEWIS - On August 5th, Lydia (née Cassidy) and Simon, an.

LOCKWOOD - On August d 1987, to Judith (née Dickinson) d John, a daughter, Sarah.

LOUGH - On August 5th, Tunbridge Wells, to Felicity (née oft Baker) and David, a daughterCatherine, a sister for Richard, Ilo, Philippa and James.

MARTINS - On August 1, to Charlotte (née Moss) a Paul, a daughter, Felicity Jan

PETROS - On July 8th, University College Hospital, Londo to Louise (née Neville) and Andrick, a son, Gregory Sahak, many hks to the staff of the Neonatal U

SKINNER - On July 24th, Abby (née Smart) and Paul, a daugr, Harriet Kate, a sister for Hugh.

SLEIGHT - On July 26th, Valerie and Peter, a son, Timothames, a brother for David, Miss and Richard.

STEBBINGS - On August 1, at the Hammersmith Hospital, Alice (née Gates) and Adam, a nghter, Charlotte Oonagh, a ter for Jessica.

STODDART - On August 7th Lorna and Gary a daughter Alla sister for Sophie, Katie and Cate.

STREATFIELD - On August 1987, to Jane and Mervyn, a s

TRINGHAM - On July 31st Sally (née Ginsber) and Jay, a daughter, Freya.

WADE - On July 14th, in California, USA, to Diana (née Morales) and Christopher, a daughter, Kyrstie Catherine, a sister for Shane.

YOUNG - On August 5th 1987, at West London Hospital, Hammersmith, to Joayane (née Pierard) and Robert, a son, Sam Peter Antoine.

MARRIAGES

STOW:JONES - On August 6th 1987, at the Church of St Mary with St John the Baptist, Newtown, Newbury, Alexander Douglas Stow to Pauline Vaughan Johns.

DEATHS

BARNES - On August 6th, peacefully, William Richard Barnes, aged 71, former Vicar of Mytholmroyd, Yorkshire and Belvedere, Kent. Brother of the late Morley Barnes and dear Brother-in-law of Valeria Barnes of Sevenoaks, Kent. Affectionate Uncle of Simon and Timothy. Funeral Service at 2pm on Wednesday August 12th at St Michael's Church Mytholmroyd, near Halifax, Yorkshire, followed by private cremation. Flowers to Robert Shaw Greenwood Funeral Directors, New Road, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

BOYES - On July 21st, after a long illness Margot, dearly loved wife of Cyril and mother of Clive. Cremated at Salisbury on July 28th. During course of ordinary morning service (Parish Communion) Thanks will be given for her life at St Mary's, Long Dittton, Surrey at 10.15am on 6th September. Subsequently, ashes will be interred in Garden of Rest. Donations, if desired, to Alzheimers Disease Society, Bank buildings, Fulham Broadway, SW6.

GILBERT - On August 2nd 1987, peacefully, Leslie Howard Gilbert, aged 85, husband of Betty, father of Christopher and Neonal. Funeral at Oxford Crematorium, Bayswater Road, Headington on Wednesday August 12th at 2.30pm. No flowers.

GOLD - On August 1st 1987, suddenly at home, Lady Rachel Gold, aged 60 years, wife of Sir Paul Gold, mother to Alan, Michael and Leah and beloved daughter of Susa and Asa Cohen of Tel aviv. Burial took place at Bushey Jews Cemetery on Monday 3rd August. Donations to her memory to the Jewish Welfare Board. Care of Cohen Klugmann and Klugmann Solicitors, 14 High Street, Harpenden Herts. (06827 64196).

MILLER - On August 6th, peacefully, Terry Elizabeth, much loved wife of Colin and mother of Alex and Charlotte. Funeral service at All Saint's Church, Husbands Bosworth, Thursday August 13th at 3 pm. Followed by private cremation. Enquiries to: J Stamp Undertakers, Market Harborough.

NURNEY - On 5th August 1987, Suddenly in Los Angeles, Hughson, most beloved husband of Gillian.

PARR - On August 5th, after a long illness, bravely borne at The Pines Nursing Home, S.A. (Christ), husband of Dodie, father of Michael and Jenny. Founder of Hytex Limited, Rubber Manufacturers of London. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium on Tuesday August 11th at 11 am. Flowers to Ashtons, 221 Upper Richmond Road, Putney, SW15.

PRAIN - On August 4th 1987, at Mount Alvernia Hospital, Guildford, peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, Esther Pansy, beloved wife of Sir Ronald Prain, mother of Grahame and Angus and grandmother of Christopher and Susannah. Funeral on Thursday August 13th at St Mary's Church, Oatlands Avenue, Weybridge, at 11am followed by family only Cremation at Randall's Park Crematorium, Leatherhead. Family flowers only, to be sent to Chitty's, Weybridge.

SEDGWICK - On August 6th, peacefully in Bromley, Ethel widow of Tom, devoted Mother of Brian and Tony and beloved Grandmother of Andrew, Rebecca and Sarah. Funeral service 1.30 pm, Friday August 14th at Christchurch, Beckenham. Flowers to Copelands, Funeral Directors, Bromley Road, Beckenham, Kent.

STEDALL - On August 5th, peacefully in her 84th Year, 'Mimi' Stedall (née Waddington), widow of Geoffrey Stedall and mother of Marilyn and Roderick McKelvie. Cremation private.

THOMSON - On August 7th 1987, peacefully at Mount Barker, Grantown on Spey, Lady Florence Adam Thomson, late of 'Craig-Gowan', Carrbridge, wife of the late Sir James Beveridge Thomson, sometime of Malaya, dear mother of Robert. Cremation at Perth, on Tuesday 11th August at 11.30am, funeral private.

WILLIAMSON - On August 6th 1987, in great peace at The Victoria Nursing Home, Hove, Silvia Beatrice, widow of Edgar Williamson, dear mother of Ian and much loved 'Gan-Gan' of Sarah and Lucy. Service at The Woodvale Crematorium, Lewes Road, Brighton on Tuesday August 11th at 3.30pm. All enquiries to Hanningtons, Tel: Brighton (0273) 778735.

WORDINGHAM - On Friday August 7th, at Ramsgate in her 99th year, Mrs Emily Anne, Widow of Charles Henry Wordingham CBE and much loved mother of Madge, Honor, Mary, Charlie and Anne. Enquiries to Funeral Directors H.R Palmer, Ramsgate. Tel: 0843 592720.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

McKITTERICK - A Memorial Service for Canon John H B McKitterick will be held at St Paul's Church, Egham Hythe, on Tuesday August 18th, at 2.30pm.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

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ELFORD - Hester, August 8th 1986. Always remembered by College friends.

SIMPSON - Christopher Scott, 9th August 1977, remembered every day with love.

WHITE - Maud, to everloving memory of our dear mother who fell asleep 8th August 1971 'Until the day breaks' Betty and Mary (Stoneford, Dagenham).

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IN BANKRUPTCY - NO. 347 of 1983
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GREADER Mrs. Phyllis Kathleen of 20 Old Bath Road, Newbury, Berks, died on 9th April, 1987. Particulars to Radcliffe Duce & Gammer Solicitors of East Gate House, 1 & 2 High Street, Wallingford, Oxon. OX10 0BJ. before 30th October 1987.

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Britons rise and fal

By a Bridge Correspondent

Both British teams dwell in the second half of the finalch yesterday in the Euean bridge championship Brighton. The men, who e five points behind Germany half-time, ended with a win 11.

However, the teamspove them faired better and thwere relegated to seventh pla but still in close contentionce they are only seven inns behind the second team.

The ladies' team verwhelmed the Netherlandsthe second half to score 24his moved them from 13th pl to seventh and faced withisy opposition in the evng against Switzerland.

That morning the ladiead struck their best form fohe first time and led at the inal 4-4 to 1-6. Much of thisas owed to a grand slam playoy Sandra Landy and Sally Hcn where, with four trumps tce Queen Jack missing and divd 3-1, declarer had to take a gi view playing for a single hour in one hand.

They may well improve s eral more places in Fri night's game. The British n have a much harder ma against second placed Pola Current leaders are Sweden.

On Thursday evening, British ladies lost 18-12 agai Sweden. The men had a f evening.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Major-General Michael Hobl to succeed Mr Robert Heron Director of the Duke Edinburgh's Award in th United Kingdom from Januar 1, 1988.

Mr John Alfred Smith to be a Assistant Commissioner Police for the Metropolis.

Mr Hugh Lambert to be Edito of *The Irish Press*, in succession to Mr Tim Coogan, who ha resigned.

The Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food has announced the following appointments, effective from September 1:

Mr R.J. Packer to be Director o Regional Management (new post); **Mr C.R. Cann** to be Fisheries Secretary; **Mr D.H. Lawrence** to be Under Secretary (Food, Drink and Marketing Policy); and **Mr G.P. Jupe** to be Under Secretary (Horticulture, Seeds, Plant Health and Flood Protection).

Latest wills

Captain Peter Gerald Charles Dickens, of Crowborough, East Sussex, naval and military historian and great-grandson o Charles Dickens, the novelist, left estate valued at £160,59 net.

Mrs Cecily Kathleen Mar Mortleman, of Forest Row, Eas Sussex, left estate valued a £1,143,490 net.

Mr Edward Reginald Geoffe Corn, of Peatswood, Mate Drayton, Shropshire, comph chairman, left estate value a £713,678 net.

Mrs Barbara Annette Cook Chelsea, left estate valu £726,033 net.

Mr William Martin Pe of Burgh by Sands, Cumbrie left estate valued at £541,218

Mrs Doreen Patricia Thsca Havard, of Shirley, Surr left estate valued at £539,70

Science report

Ceramics clue to history

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

Science has often come to the aid of archaeology: now archaeology has been able to return the compliment, using ancient Chinese ceramics to establish the past history of the Earth's geomagnetic intensity.

Evidence for such past states of the magnetic field is preserved in the form of thermo-remanant magnetization, in effect the ancient magnetic intensity fossilized in the pottery fabric by the high firing temperature.

Some 70 samples of Chinese pottery, spanning the past 6,000 years, have been analysed by a collaborative team from the Academy of Sciences in Peking and the Research Laboratory for Archaeology and the History of Art at Oxford University.

The pottery before 2200 BC was dated by the radiocarbon associated with its find spots, and that for the past 4,200 years from Chinese dynastic records. Only 20 of the samples were in the earlier period with its less precise dates.

Cylinders of fired clay, 3mm long and across, were extracted by corer from the pot sherds, most of which came from the Yellow River Valley (although a few samples were of roof tiles, and some came from South China), and the magnetic intensity measured using a SQUID cryogenic magnetometer.

The results show that the behaviour of the magnetic field was more complex than had been thought: while it is commonly accepted that the intensity in any given region went through a broad maximum around 2,000 years ago, reaching a level some 50 per cent higher than at present, the pottery study shows two peaks, one between 1500 and 1000 BC and the other between AD 1 and 500.

A fall to less than unity for the intensity value for several centuries after 500 BC is earlier in China than for the East Mediterranean region.

The investigators see one solution as being in terms of a non-dipole disturbance that drifted westward some 100° of longitude over about 500 years; this is not far from the early twentieth century rate of about 100° over the same period, or 0.2° per annum.

A dipole disturbance is ruled out by the long-term records of radiocarbon (^{14}C) and ^{10}Be, which show no evidence of reduction, such as would follow the decrease of cosmic ray flux associated with an enhancement of the dipole component of the field.

Source: *Nature*, Vol 328, pp 330-333.

Services tomorrow

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Missa parodia (Trepu), O salutaris hostia (Nichols), 3.15 E, Responses (Clucas), Stanford in C, The spirit of the Lord (Elgar), Rev N D Stacey; 6.30 ES, Rev P R Heartfield.
YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10.15 S Euch, Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Like as the hart (Howells), Rev I Ellery; 11.30 M, If ye love me (Tallis), Stamford in B flat, Responses (Aylward); 4 E, St Paul's Service (Howells), Let the people praise thee (Matthias), Responses (Read), Canon Taylor.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Aylward), The Second Service (Tomkins), Rev G Routledge; 11.30 HC, Sumsion in F, Plange Lingua (Bruckner), 3.15 E, Wood in F, When thou lookest upon thee (Handel), Canon Hockley.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Rose), Come thou Holy Paraclete (Hurd), Canon Gray; 11.40 E, Darke in A minor, O salutaris hostia (Rossini); 3 E, Responses (Aylward), Gloucester Service (Howells), I was glad (Sowerby), Mgr F McManus; 5.45 Organ recital; 6.30 ES, Canon Harvey.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Messe Basse and Missa de Angelis (Fauré), Ave Maria (Fauré), Ave Verum (Fauré), Rev D Martin; 3 E.
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 10.30, 12 noon, 5.50, 7; Vespers 3.30.
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, 12.15, 6 LM; 11 HM.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M; 12 HC, Scots Guards, Rev R D Pratt.
ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2, 9, 12.15 HC; 11 M, The Lord is my shepherd (Schubert), Rev M J Stokes.
ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev R Warren.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 8.15 LM; 11 HM, Darke in E minor, The Lord's Prayer (Elgar), Rev W H Taylor; 6 E & B, Healy Willan in B flat, Mine eyes for beauty pine (Howells), The Vicar.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9.30 HC; 11 Rev J Stott; 6.30 Rev I Bentley.
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 8, 12 HC; 11 M, Rev J H L Cross; 6 E, Preb L Thomson.
CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 MP, Rev S Acland.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev R Jeffery.
HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 8.30 HC; 10.30 HC (ASB), Preb J T C B Collins; 6.30 ES, Rev N K Lee.
HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30, 12.05 HC; 11 MP, Bishop of Fulham.
HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.30, 12.10 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Canon Roberts.
ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30, 11 SM, Piccolomini Messe (Mozart), Hic est shall ensure (Mendelssohn), 5.30 LM.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 M & Euch, Rev J Paul; 6.30 E, Rev N Parish.
ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens, SW5: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Burton in F, Rev Peter Easter (Estcaf), Father Bill; 6 E & B.
ST CYPRIAN'S, Clarence Gate, NW1: 8 LM; 10.30 M, 11 SM, The Vicar.
ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Parish C, 6.30 E.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa quinti toni (Lassus), Almighty and Everlasting God (Gibbons), The Rector.
ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8, 12 HC; 11 MP, Rev C C Taylor; 6.30 EP, Rev C C Taylor.
ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC; 11 MP; 6.30 EP.
ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 6 EP.
ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC & MP; 10.30 HC, Byrd in four voices, Teach me O Lord (Byrd), Rev J B Browning.
ST MARK'S, Regent's Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11 S Euch, Merbecke, Rev T Devonshire Jones.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 8.15 HC; 11 M & Sermon, Canon Down; 12.15 HC.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC, 9.45 Euch, Rev S Roberts; 11.30 MP, The Vicar; 2.45 Chinese Service, 6.30 EP, The Vicar.
ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Rev A R Boddy; 11 M, The Vicar; 6.30 E, Rev Gerd.
ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 6.45, LM; 11 HM, Missa brevis (Berkeley), Confirma hoc (Byrd), Gustate et videte (Isaac), Fr Brian Horne; 6.15 E & B.
ST MARY-LE-BONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8, 11 HC, Mass (Merbecke), Rev D Head; 6.30 E.
ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8, 8.15 HC; 11 MP, Rev N Taylor; 7.30 ES & HC, Rev J Crossley.
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev R Davies.
ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC; 11 MP; 6.30 EP, Rev J Falconer.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 HM, Missa Petre ego pro te rogavi (Lobo), Exsultate justi (Vadana), Fr R Browne; 6 E & B, Fr C Cullen.
THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 11 SM, Missa ecce quam bonum (Hassler), Adoramus Te Christe (Nanino); 6 LM & B.
ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11, 6.30 Very Rev P F Brodie.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 SM, Missa Collegium Regale (Howells), Hymn of the Cherubim (Rachmaninov), Hear my prayer (Purcell).
FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 8, 9, 10, 12.30, 4.30, 7 LM, 11 HM, Mass in D (Dvorak), In te Domine (Buxtehude), 5.30 V.
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 HC, Missa brevis secunda (Colteri), In te Speravi Domine (Lassus), Domine Salvam Fac (Silas), Rev R J M Chas-Bours.
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8, 9, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM, 11 HM, Missa a tribus vocibus (Byrd), In nomine Jesu (Handl).
AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, W1: 11 Rev R F Allison.
CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 11, 6.30 Rev E Waugh.
CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 11 Mr J Weallans.
6 Rev M Braddy.
HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11 Rev J Richardson; 6.30 Rev L Griffiths.
REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN URC, Tavistock Place, WC1: 11 Rev J Miller; 6.30 Dr J Kennedy.
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 HC.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: Rev R C Gibbins.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev A Bruce
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev R T Kendall.
WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La, WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

Anniversaries

TODAY

BIRTHS: Francis Hutcheson, philosopher, Armagh, 1694; William Bateson, biologist, Whitby, 1861.

DEATHS: Thomas à Kempis, theologian, Agnetenberg, Netherlands, 1471; George Canning, prime minister, 1827, London, 1827.

The Great Robbery — £2½m stolen from the Glasgow-London train at Cheddington, Buckinghamshire, 1963. President Nixon resigned as a result of the Watergate affair, 1974.

TOMORROW

BIRTHS: Isaac Walton, Stafford, 1593; Thomas Telford, road, bridge, and canal builder, Westerkirk, Dumfries, 1757; Ruggero Leoncavallo, composer, Montecatini, Terme, Italy, 1919.

DEATHS: Frederick Marryat, novelist, Langham, Norfolk, 1848; Sir Edward Frankland, chemist, Golaa, Norway, 1899; Ernst Haeckel, naturalist, Jena,

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At the Oshkosh plane parade

For the past week, nearly a million air enthusiasts have descended on their Mecca — a small mid-west American town. Charles Bremner joined the flock

Photographs by Tim Bishop



Close-up on a flight of fancy: spectators home in on a Sky Raider, one of the smaller visitors to Oshkosh, where passenger jets rub wings with microlites and the old with the new

Bob Wagner, a chubby 46-year-old, hurls his red-painted old Stearman, the monster of biplanes, into an astonishing series of rolls, loops, dives and low upside-down passes. These, impressive enough in themselves, are all the more remarkable for the fact that his wife, Pat is standing on top of the wing. The crowd holds its breath as the inverted Mrs Wagner whizzes past, taking the salute like a circus trapeze artist.

"You have to imagine riding a motor bike at about 75 miles an hour, then imagine doing that upside down at twice the speed," Pat says. Bob merely remarks that wind resistance from his wife takes 25 per cent of his Pratt and Whitney engine's 450 horsepower. The pair have been doing it for a decade and say they cannot imagine any other life. For the past week, their life has been centred in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Muslims go to Mecca. Aviators go to Oshkosh. For one week every year, thousands of aeroplanes, from tiny home-builts to multi-engine jets, float out of the sky on to the old airfield in this mid-western country town for the world's largest celebration of flying. Almost one million people have swarmed to Wittman field for the past seven days to take part in the Experimental Aircraft Association's Convention and Fly-in, not so much air show as a pilgrimage of kindred spirits.

If you are a plane enthusiast, Oshkosh is where you overdose. For sheer spectacle and wonder, nothing can compare with the flying machines that assemble here and the displays that fill the sky every afternoon.

This is the place you come to see a Boeing 727 dance in the sky, to watch a twin-engined transport plane looping and rolling with the agility of a biplane, to hear and feel the thundering roar as a squadron of surviving Second World War Mustang fighters swoop on the crowd escorting a B-17 bomber.

The fly-in was started 35 years ago to gather home-builders and amateur aviators. Now it has become the rallying-place for the people who love flying, while Paris and Farnbrough are for those who make and sell the planes.

The pilots at Oshkosh are the romantics who believe flying is a constitutional right threatened by government regulation and public fears about mid-air collisions and over-crowded skies. But they are by no means all amateurs. Association members include astronauts and many airline captains who cannot get enough of flying in the course of their work to be truly satisfied. They are people like Don Davidson, a 48-year-old Eastern Airlines pilot who roared in aboard his Mustang. "You can talk of marriages," he says, "but this is a marriage based on real love."

Looking at the thousands of private planes stretching as far as the eye can see, you would not know that light aviation, once thought to be within reach of everyone, is suffering a period of crisis brought on by the huge costs. Cessna and Piper, the leading manufacturers of the main small craft of the 1960s and '70s, have stopped producing their simple single-engined planes. Law suits over liability for crashes has made it uneconomical. Only a few new planes made in the US cost under $100,000, although the used-aircraft market still offers what would be considered bargains in Britain.

"The enthusiasm and love are still there," says Tom Poberezny, head of the convention, son of the EAA's founder and one of three pilots in the Eagles aerobatic team which performs hair-raising stunts with high-powered biplanes every afternoon.

"It's not an air show or a convention," he says. "The real story is all the friendship. Look at the camp site. For example, you'll find a family from California that comes and camps with a family from New Jersey every year. It's a family affair."

The atmosphere of good humour impresses the foreigners who flocked this year from Australia, Japan and all over Europe. Charles Smith-Maxwell, from Selkirk in Scotland, marvels at the tidiness. "There's not a piece of litter, not a cross word from anybody. You'd never see that in the UK." A pilot, he now wants to build his own plane and has come to Oshkosh to find the best model.

For the week of the show, Oshkosh becomes the world's busiest airport — four times busier than America's biggest — as volunteer controllers from the Federal Aviation Agency marshal the stream of planes, sometimes bunched so close that they are told to land simultaneously, one on the runway threshold, the other half-way up.

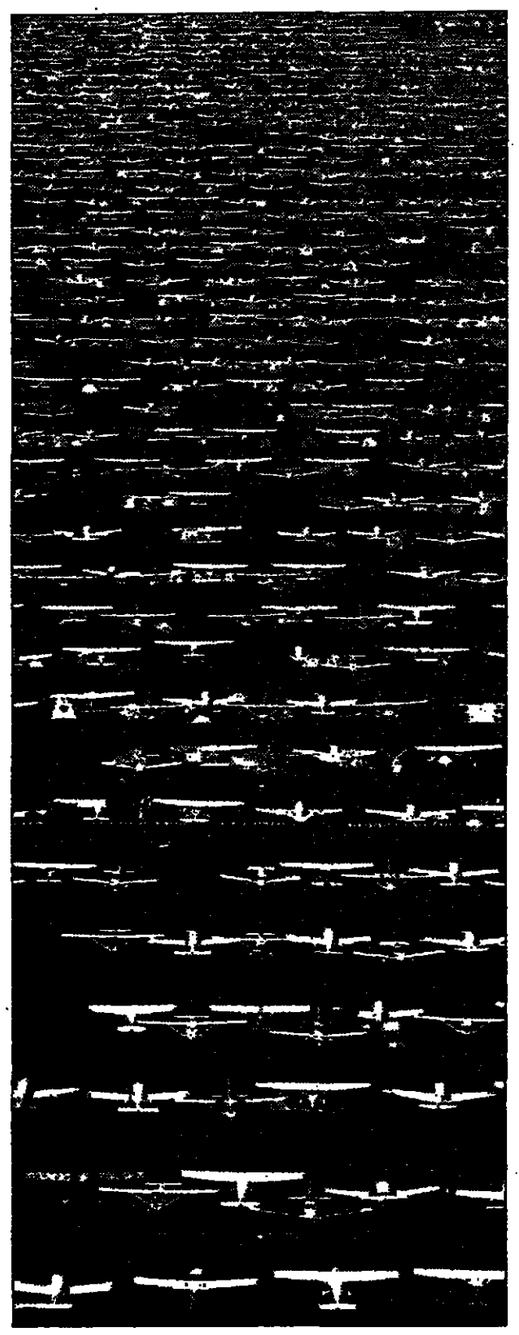
Controllers do away with the formalities of identification and acknowledgement. "Yellow Cessna taildragger, rock your wings if you read me," the tower says to one of four planes on the approach. "Piper Twin, slow down and let that guy land first."

A mixture of the ancient and modern, almost everything that has ever left the ground, comes to Oshkosh in some form. Parked in one field, polished and gleaming and as far as the eye can see, are muscular old Stearmans, magnificent dark red pre-war Stinsons, as well as Wacos, Ercoupes and Taylorcraft — names of long defunct marques as evocative as Bugatti or Studebaker for a car enthusiast. There is even a Ford Tri-motor, the airliner of the Twenties and the embodiment of nostalgia, that has flown in to park near an even older Curtiss Jenny, the American First World War plane beloved of the barnstormers who once wowed small-town crowds with their roof-hopping antics.

At the other end, you can see a British-designed Harrier or equally modern Voyager, the frail propeller-driven plane that took Dick Rutan and Jeanna Yeager on their non-stop, round-the-world trip earlier this year. The pair are on hand to sing the praises of their craft, which itself was born of the Oshkosh spirit. Its designer, Burt Rutan, is the man whose generation of futuristic-shaped planes has made home-building the most thriving sector of the small aircraft business.

In a different part of the field, the sky is abuzz with swooping microlites — or ultralights, as they are known here — many of them looking like their 70-year-old spindly predecessors a few hundred yards away. These cloth and tubing contraptions seemed to hold promise as the path to aviation for everyone when they emerged at Oshkosh in the late 1970s. Craft like the sturdy Eipper Quicksilver gave many people their first taste of solo flying.

But the tide has turned against them. Apart from the fact that ear-splitting noise and slow flight detracted from their charm, many proved dangerous. They have lost something of their original simplicity now that designers have begun closing in cockpits and adding controls and instruments that turn them into "real aeroplanes".



Birds of a feather flock together: the packed Wittman airfield

You can still fly an ultralight without a licence, one of the things that makes America a private pilot's paradise. But the talk of Oshkosh this week has been the threat of further restrictions to conventional small aeroplane flying after the spate of collisions and near-misses in recent months. Pilots have been busy signing petitions against a new proposal for special radar transponders and an extension to tightly-controlled air space near large airports.

Allan Mcartor, the former pilot just appointed by President Reagan to head the FAA and handle the overcrowding crisis, was at Oshkosh praising the spirit of the private flyers. If people had the idea that he was just a desk-bound Washington bureaucrat, he dispelled them on Monday by taking the co-pilot's seat in a Shrike Commander Twin, a small passenger plane, as the veteran show pilot Bob Hoover threw it into a sequence of death-defying stunts.

Hoover's speciality is his "energy management" number, in which he dives the Shrike, switches off both engines, loops, performs a four-point roll, lands and judges the whole manoeuvre so that he has just enough speed left to taxi up to the foot of the commentary stand without starting the engines again.

More heart-stopping for the spectators are the airshow cowboys who come straight from the barnstorming days of Waldo Pepper. But the show is one thing. For many at Oshkosh, the fly-in's main attraction is the chance to revel in the camaraderie of a shared passion. These are the home-builders and restorers both of classic civil planes and the huge "warbird" craft whose owners affect a military air and belong to groups like the "Confederate Air Force".

Nearly 500 "custom-built" small planes, polished and gleaming, competed for prizes this year. They are owned by people from a bewildering variety of backgrounds, including truck-drivers, dentists, teachers, salesmen, lawyers and professional pilots.

Donna Wilhelmson, who helped her electrical engineer husband, Jack, build their two-seater in their South Carolina garage, says many marriages do not withstand the rivalry of a home-built plane. "When the FAA inspector came to certify it and we told him it only took two-and-a-half years, he said that was unusual because it normally takes from five to seven years — and one wife."

Many owners spend the nights of Oskosh week sleeping under the wings of their planes. The ones in the exhibition sections spend all day showing off their handiwork and swapping tips on construction or restoration, or attending the forums on subjects like making better landings, or tracking down vital but rare parts for engines which have long been obsolete.

Given the number of planes swarming around Wittman Field, there are remarkably few accidents. Tom Poberezny and his father, Paul, who founded the EAA, insist on strict safety standards to avoid the kind of disastrous publicity that would stem from a big accident. This year only two real mishaps occurred in all the tens of thousands of aircraft movements. A woman's arm was badly cut by a propeller and a plane with floats was damaged when the pilot forgot to lower its wheels before landing.

The Pobereznys believe the spirit of amateur aviation is a reflection of American democracy. "We have it better than most countries," Tom says. "If you give up these rights, that's the first step to losing your freedom."

FLIGHT PRICE ADVICE

Almost everything about private flying is easier in the US than in Britain. Despite recent price increases, planes, petrol, lessons and facilities are still less expensive and, with 705,000 active pilots, 308,000 of them "private", the country offers an extensive array of services for aviators.

Among the advantages are a huge network of radio navigational aids, free high-quality weather briefings, low or non-existent landing fees and hundreds of airfields across the country. David Harvey, a British instructor at Freeway Airport outside Washington, sings the praises of American aviation. "Everyone is so poor in Britain; the aircraft are usually shoddy. Aircraft here tend to be nice and modern and well-equipped." Learning to fly and owning your own plane is still possible for Americans with a middle income. For example, lessons in a Cessna 152 at Freeway cost $53 (about £33) per hour and you can rent a four-seater 172 for yourself at $44 (£27.50) per hour, excluding the cost of fuel. British prices are about a third higher.

Although the prices of new planes have rocketed beyond the reach of most people since the insurance crisis forced the major manufacturers to suspend production, you can pick up a five-year-old Cessna 172 for about $15,000, (£9,375). "It will cost about $1,000 [£625] a year to keep it in good order and you can run it for the same price as a car," Harvey says. You can rent a "parking place" in an airfield for $40 (£25) a month. Insurance can be a snag, though, especially for new pilots. Companies can charge up to $2,500 (£1,500) a year for a recently qualified aviator.

Obtaining the basic pilot's ticket, which entitles you to fly in visual-flight conditions, as opposed to the far more demanding instrument regime, means following a course similar to that in Britain. After about 40 hours in the air and passing a fairly demanding written test, most students are ready to fly with the examiner.

A Briton switching to the American system makes a few transitions but has to get used to speaking a different language. Almost every private flyer seems to be imitating Chuck Yeager or the laconic, right-stuff Nasa style. In Britain, you ask politely for the "runway in service" as you approach an airport. In America, to find which is the active runway, you just shout: "Wazza-active?"

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TRAVEL

Low season, high living

The Costa del Sol retains its magic best in the off-season and on the right stretch of coast, says **Pearson Phillips**

The grilled, king-sized prawns are almost a fiver each at the Red Pepper restaurant in Puerto Banus. But a table there provides a ringside seat from which to watch a piece of local folklore. It happens at around 11.30pm, a time still considered to be evening on the Costa del Sol.

First one Rolls-Royce mutters along the quayside, edging through the strollers. Then another, and another, a procession of them, punctuated by the occasional Ferrari. At the wheels are big, bronzed, king-sized men. "We call it the parade of the gangsters," an expatriate stalwart of the Marbella Cricket Club informed me.

This strip of coast has a long history of attracting adventurers from distant lands. A thousand years ago it was the Wild West of the Muslim Empire. The Caliph of Cordoba had 6,300 female slaves in his harem, collected in Northern Europe and sent down with the eunuchs in huge caravans. A similar population movement is still pouring Northern bodies into "Moorish-style" sun palaces, only now it is called the package tourist industry. The "Marbella Blonde" is everywhere: streaked hair, brown skin and thin, white shoulder straps.

The Costa del Sol is not a destination that first comes into the minds of those who consider themselves discerning travellers. It suggests too many people attacking too many knickerbocker glories. Even the jet-set Marbella Club has changed since Prince Alfonso von Hohenloe had to sell control to an Arab consortium.

Barratt, "Britain's Premier House Builders", has saturated the area with offers of "commemorative quartz timepieces" to anyone who will spare the time to look at one of its "multi-ownership leisure complexes", the latest euphemism for a timeshare development. Driving west out of Malaga Airport is like hitting Hammersmith flyover in the rush hour. The cranes are still piling up more multi-storey blocks in Torremolinos, Benalmadena, Fuengirola . . .

But I have a confession to make. I like the place. There are two secrets to getting the most out of it. The first is to avoid the high season. Spring and autumn are best. The average monthly temperature is still above 80 degrees in September and the first part of October, with an average of 8.7 hours of sun a day. It is the ideal setting for one of those all-action breaks, with tennis, golf, swimming, sailing, water-skiing, riding and good eating.

The second secret is to head for the western end of the coast. All the developers' cranes and the concrete-pouring used to stop at Estepona, midway between Fuengirola and the Rock. But the opening of the Gibraltar border last year has put this area within easy reach of Gibraltar Airport. That has encouraged a new rash of beach complexes, marinas, instant Andalusian ports, air-conditioned squash courts and all the other necessities demanded by northern leisure seekers. But it is not yet Torremolinos and the property boom means that there are villas and flats for letting.

My last stay here was in a ground-floor apartment in a new, ambitious development called Puerto Sotogrande. Hedges shielded our stretch of automatically sprinklered lawn from our neighbours. At breakfast on the terrace we looked over the Guadiaro River to the distant shape of the Rock. There was a beach club with pool next door. At 10am retired English gentlemen queued at the corner shop to buy the previous day's English newspapers.

We could share some of the ambience of Sotogrande itself, an up-market enclave on the other side of the river for people who don't mind spending £150,000 on a plot of land and another £150,000 to build something on it. There are two golf courses, one of which has been bought by Jaime Patino, a local resident, for the exclusive use of a well-vetted membership. Slumming it on the other course for a £35 green fee (including compulsory insurance) I was able to peer into the surrounding gardens at scenes of Gatsby-like life.

One English resident uses Gibraltar Airport and travels to work in London each Monday morning, returning to his palm-fringed bit of paradise on Friday evenings. There are all the amenities of the better parts of the Shires, including a polo ground and a hunt, run by an English major.

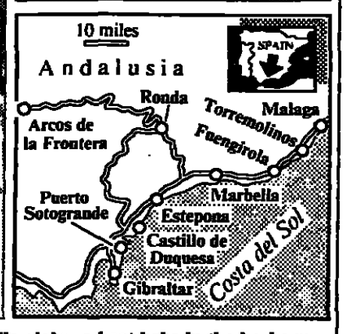
It is a good base from which to explore the old Muslim fortresses and fortified townships of the "real" Andalusia inland. I drove up through olive groves, almond orchards and vineyards to the hilltop town of Arcos de la Frontera. The most dramatic road leads to Ronda, with its so-called "New Bridge", a remarkable piece of 18th-century engineering across a deep chasm.

Getting the best out of the local restaurants also calls for a car. The international set favour Robbies, run by a Scotsman in the back streets of Estepona. But our best discovery was a seaside fishing village, so far without a trace of "development", called Castillo de Duquesa, to the west of Estepona. It is reached by a small road that branches off the main coast road beside the remains of a large, round castle. There are several seafood restaurants by the beach. The best is the Hachomar, a place always encouragingly full of Spaniards.

For those who cannot resist at least one foray into the tourist glitter of Marbella or Puerto Banus, there is one place that shouldn't be missed. Remember a Sixties group, Dave Dee, Dozey, Beaky, Mick and Tich? Four of the five are alive and well and running a bar in Puerto Banus, a haven of Sixties nostalgia. When they take the stand to play some of their old numbers even the over-forties start rocking.







Local colour on the Costa: at Fuengirola, entertainers ply their trade while, right, a boat bobs in the harbour

TRAVEL NOTES

Air Europe and British Airways fly daily to Gibraltar from Gatwick. Air Europe's cheapest Moneysaver fare is £149 return high season, £115 after Oct, with weekend travel slightly more expensive. British Airways Apex fare is £159 and £134 low season (from Oct 1). To avoid Gatwick, fly Iberian Airways to Malaga from Heathrow. Low-season Moneysaver fare (Sept 15-Oct 31) is £153 and £170 at weekends.
Cars can be hired at Gibraltar Airport and driven into Spain. Budget Rent-A-Car charges from £109 a week. Europcar (01-950 5050) will have a car waiting at Malaga Airport. One week's unlimited mileage costs £118, payable in sterling in advance. The Spanish National Tourist Office, 57 St James's Street, London SW1 (01-499 0901) will provide information on Andalusian festivals.

A typical Costa del Sol package gives seven days in Torremolinos (three-star Hotel Griego) half board in Oct, for £196, flying from Gatwick (Azure Holidays, 01-439 6841). Renting an apartment in Puerto Sotogrande can be done through Alquileres y Servicios, Puerto Sotogrande, PO Box 3, Sotogrande (Cadiz), Spain. Tel (34-56) 79-23-52. Low season (Oct-Mar) one-bedroom apartment, £144; three-bedroom penthouse (Aug), £621.

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● Bartholomew's Mini Atlas of Britain *(£2.95) takes the fight out of trying to consult a flapping map on a windy day or in a confined space. This pocket-sized book of road maps could be a boon to navigators exposed to the elements on motorcycle pillions or in open sports cars. At nine miles to the inch, the scale is too small to be useful to cyclists or walkers.*

Souvenir passport

Scotland Yard has admitted that the British bobby is a tourist attraction and to prove it the Met has written a welcome message in the new fun Holiday Passports available at £1 from souvenir shops, hotels and tourist attractions in London and countrywide. More than 2,000 organizations from the Tower of London to Covent Garden by way of pubs, hotels, restaurants and even a chiropodist, will stamp the passports to make each page a personal souvenir. The scheme was designed for foreign visitors, but it is my bet that the youngsters among stay-at-home holiday-makers will enjoy filling in their passports just as much.

● **Bon or not-so-bon voyage? Here is the shipping forecast for ferry passengers contemplating a Channel crossing on the Portsmouth to Cherbourg route in the next 24 hours. ". . . it will be rather choppy towards the French coast and poor sailors may feel the effects of ship motion." Ferrycall on 0898 500449 is the latest service from the Meteorological Office. Predictions of weather conditions on deck as well as the ships' motion are updated twice daily at 7am and 7pm. The calls are charged at 38p per minute, except evenings and weekends when the cost drops to 25p.**

TRAVEL BOOKS

There are places, even in the British Isles, where understanding something of the people and their ways is the key to appreciating the country. Alison Johnson, a Hebridean Islander by adoption, arrived as a teacher and stayed as an hotelier. *A House By The Shore* (Futura, £3.50) is her account of island life off the north-west coast of Scotland. It is recommended reading for everyone who dreams of getting away from it all to self-sufficiency and one-ness with nature as well as for visitors. In making and fishing with lobster pots and cutting peat she explores the customs and courtesies of Gaelic-speaking neighbours.

Londoner Alan Booth went to Japan to study Noh theatre in 1970 and stayed on. The Roads to Sata *(Penguin, £3.95) is an account of the 2,000 miles he walked, crossing three islands on his route from Soya in the north to Cape Sata in the far south. He took country roads and talked on the way with people from all walks of Japanese life. In the retelling he has written an often funny as well as living picture of modern Japan.*

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TRAVEL 2



Sometimes visitors are forced to slow down: sheep forming a road block in County Clare

Turning the clock back to Irish time

Andrew Sanger finds a weekend long enough to fall under Ireland's spell

"When God made time, he *made plenty of it,*" say the Irish. Simply to arrive in Ireland feels like a lessening of pressure, a weight taken off your shoulders. A whole weekend of it is enough to slip into a more comfortable state of mind, even if it does take a little longer than that to slow down to the all-the-time-in-the-world Irish mood, the Irish pace.

I took narrow back roads to Clare's Atlantic coast, to the strange and empty Burren country where there are more than 500 Celtic ring forts and thousands of rare flowers hiding among the razor-sharp rocks, and from there along country lanes to the high and sheer Cliffs of Moher. "The next parish to here," as the locals have it, "is New York."

The coast road gives fantastic views, of course, but even along this stretch it's the people and the villages which give most pleasure. Nothing has been "prettified", everything is unaffectedly simple, honest and attractive. Children — even grown men — actually waved as we passed.

Fishermen row over from the Arran Islands in their canvas-covered black currachs to the bar at tiny waterside Doolin, in which they stay to drink and talk and sing till it gets light the following morning. Nearby Ballyvaughan, next to a beautiful bay, is altogether quieter, a lovely village with cows wandering through as we arrived.

At little Lisdoonvarna, the landlord of the Roadside Tavern served plates of smoked fish with bread and butter, pulled our pints of Guinness, then invited us across the road to his other bar — a tiled Victorian pump room — for a pint with a difference: horrible iron-rich mineral water at 10p a glass. He admitted to being sceptical of its curative properties but added frankly that he had done well enough out of it himself.

Beside the reassuring sign "Bord Failte Approved", a long driveway led to Mr and Mrs McGuire's friendly guesthouse in its pretty gardens. Bedrooms were warmly and comfortably furnished, breakfasts typically huge, and dinners, in the Irish fashion, were generous portions of good *home cooking* — nothing "clever" or "fancy".

A tureen of vegetable soup, served with crumbly fresh-baked wholewheat bread, a hearty beef stew with carrots and potatoes, and to finish Mrs McGuire's apple pie, delicious with thick whipped cream (which is the only cream they know about in Ireland) cost 9 punts (about £7.70). Straightforward French table wine was served *with the meal.*

Close by flowed the Shannon through its vast lakes, and to the west lay the green fields and rustic villages of County Clare. Here, as in all rural Ireland, life revolves around the parish church and the village bar, both of them places where all the family go to meet friends and neighbours.

Bars, bearing only the proprietor's name, are nothing like British pubs. In one I saw a little girl muscle her way between the men leaning on the bar and reach up to bang her glass on the counter. "*More orange juice!*" she ordered. Rebellious youth buys pints for its grandparents. Strangers are greeted with a shy friendliness and a genuine interest. Curiously, the English in particular seem welcome and well liked.

A car is essential even for a weekend visit. But be warned that a journey of 40 miles can somehow last all day. In this country where the Atlantic breaks against the last hills of Europe, everything tends to develop a vague, misty, mythical quality. Not only the rolling green land and its legends, but distances and directions from one place to another vary according to which signpost you look at (either miles or kilometres may be used — but it doesn't say which). Road signs, like *the people, seem more intent* on keeping you than sending you anywhere else.

TRAVEL NOTES

Aer Lingus Apex return fares to Shannon are currently down to £79. Its inclusive fly-drive deals in the Shannon area start from £98 per person (for two people). The range of accommodation embraces anything from farmhouses, country homes and modern motels to luxurious country house hotels. My fly-drive weekend (two nights; off-peak) staying at a B & B "Country Home" cost £106 per person. Contact Aer Lingus Holidays, 52 Poland Street, London W1 (01-439 7262); Irish Tourist Board, 150 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-493 3201).

The last-minute market

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Seat-only fares started life as a device for tour operators to top up their near-full charter flights. But the idea caught on so rapidly that this year seat-only passengers will account for some 30 per cent of the charter flight business.

This summer has seen a glut of charter flight seats, creating a buyer's market. High season flights to the holiday sunspots are readily available for under £100 — less than half the cost of the cheapest scheduled flight. But unlike the latter, charter seats come without any form of price control, so fares fluctuate widely.

The fare you pay is governed principally by supply and demand. But it also depends on factors like the departure airport, flight timings and the day of travel. Airline seats are as perishable as fresh fruit in a street market. So if you can afford to wait until the last minute — normally within two weeks of travel — and your plans are flexible, you may find any unsold seats being sold off at "market led" prices. But last-minute seat availability varies from day to day and even from hour to hour.

Companies selling charter flight seats to the public include airline off-shoots (Monarch Air Travel/Thomson Air Fares), specialist agents (Unijet/Flair), ABTA/IATA agents and bucket shops. Most can be found advertising their wares in the classified pages of the national press. Computerized booking enables the big travel agency chains to streamline the booking procedure. Staff can display a range of flights and prices in front of you at the counter, which can save the bother of shopping around.

Whoever you book with, remember to check for the hidden extras: for example, does the fare include airport tax or weekend or fuel surcharges? And find out the airport from which the flight departs and its timings. Beware of "consolidation" — an unhealthy practice by which flight operators combine lightly-booked flights close to departure time and hence change the flight schedules.

Because of the very real risk of travel industry bankruptcies in the months ahead, you are recommended to patronize those agents belonging to the trade association ABTA. It is also worth remembering that the big agency chains — for example, Thomas Cook/Pickfords/Hogg Robinson — deal with "preferred suppliers", which means they are choosy about the flight operators with whom they do business.

Despite the growth in seat-only sales, scheduled flights remain as popular as ever. Although costlier, they tend to be more reliable and they also operate at more civilized timings.

Alex McWhirter
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Victorian gusto

Nigel Andrew on a museum that displays the Victorians at their flamboyant best

"Thoroughly debased" is how Pevsner witheringly describes the Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum in Bournemouth. What a spoilsport! This flamboyant late-Victorian extravaganza is surely one of the most sumptuous and characterful museums in the country.

It was built for the wealthy hotelier and mayor of Bournemouth, Sir Merton Russell-Cotes, to house himself and his wife, and their enormous collection of artefacts and pictures. The architect was the little-known John Frederick Fogerty, who seized his big moment with evident relish.

Perched high on the East Cliff, the Russell-Cotes presents to seaward an array of great bosomy bow windows, topped with roofs like giant parasols. There is a hint of French château here, and the gardens must once have suggested an Italian palazzo. Now, alas, there is no money to maintain them properly, for this is another underfunded municipal museum.

Inside, the effect is astounding. The style breaks down to Scottish Baronial crossed with Italian Renaissance, plus a heavy spicing of the Arabesque and the odd touch of Japanese. Restrained it is not. In fact, it knocks you for six the minute you walk in.

Poor old Fogerty may not find favour with Pevsner, but in one respect at least he was really rather gifted. His use of light, indeed his creation of light from unlikely sources, is remarkable throughout. The main body of the building is toplit from a grand stained-glass skylight which shows the sun at midday, with the rising and setting sun at either end. This repeats the image in the charming little mosaic fish pond in the Main Hall below, where a fountain plays and goldfish swim about.

The indoor fishpond was an idea Sir Merton picked up in Japan. An inveterate and adventurous traveller, he got into Japan very early on — which explains the spectacular collection of Japanese artefacts here. He even got hold of a complete personal shrine from Kyoto, whose presence baffles visiting Japanese: nobody would wittingly have allowed such a sacred object to leave the country.

There is a mass of other Oriental material, as well as more primitive work from all over the world. When people like Russell-Cotes started collecting, they went *in for it in a big way.*

Most of the collections are upstairs, in the rooms which lead off the gallery. Each room is extraordinarily well lit, and many of the windows are "double-glazed" — a very advanced feature in 1901. From a vantage point at the corner of his study Sir Merton could keep an eye on his workers at the Royal Bath Hotel next door, which he owned.



Inside the Russell-Cotes: French château meets Scottish baronial — and a lot more

Between the upstairs rooms are delightful alcoves in the Arabesque style, cleverly toplit. All around the gallery is a very Victorian mix of statues in niches and paintings on the walls. The paintings here include a justly famous Rossetti, *Venus Verticordia*, and a slick Landseer, *The Highland Flood*, a mass of animal carnage and human terror.

Downstairs are the living rooms and the galleries. The main hall, with its marble pillars and ornate woodwork — and fish pond — is lined with cabinets of curiosities.

Through light and airy salons containing the likes of Napoleon's table and wine cooler from St Helena, you can make your way to the galleries proper. One is entirely devoted to the Victorian history painter Edwin Long. Feast your eyes on his enormous *Anno Domini*, in its day the most expensive painting by a living artist — £6,900 it fetched, and it's very hard now to see why.

The Russell-Cotes has faithfully preserved the superabundance of its period, with the vulgar and the exquisite, treasure and dross bedding down together in luxury. It breathes the self-confidence of an era when a rich Englishman abroad could buy up whatever took his fancy and ship it home, and when a provincial architect could build with gusto in a mixture of half a dozen entirely incompatible styles. It is irresistible, extraordinary and unforgettable.

The Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum, East Cliff, Bournemouth (0202 21009) is open all year, Mon to Sat 10.30am-5pm. Admission 50p, child 10p.

OUTINGS

CUTTY SARK TALL SHIPS PARADE OF SAIL: Starts at 9am in Weymouth with an *inter-denominational* harbourside service conducted by the Mission to Seamen. The 60th Anniversary sail of Falcon class yachts takes place at 10.30am, followed by the Parade of Sail at 11am. The *fleet then progresses to* Bouleaze for the start of the race. The Sealink village fair and fairground open 10am-6pm.
Weymouth Harbour, Dorset. Free.

MEDIEVAL COMBAT: The White Company, with music by Hautbois, are encamped at the castle in an authentic recreation of skills and preparing weaponry for a *dramatic afternoon battle.* Warkworth Castle, Northumberland (0665 711423). Today, tomorrow, from noon. Battles 3pm. Adult £1.50, child 50p.

YORKSHIRE MILITARY TATTOO: Flying and parachute displays, static exhibitions relating to military life and equipment, bands and other entertainments.
Great Yorkshire Showground, Hookstone Oval, Harrogate, *North Yorkshire. Tomorrow,* from 11am. Adult £2, child £1.

JAMAICA JAMBOREE: To celebrate 25 years of Jamaican independence, the Jamaican Tourist Board is sponsoring a full afternoon's entertainment with music, dance, steel bands, calypso, reggae, limbo dancing and theatre. Rusty Lee is the MC. Also stalls, food, kite-making, hair plaiting, books, and records for sale. All proceeds to charity.
The Piazza, Covent Garden, London WC2. Today, from noon. Free.

JOHN HARLE PERFORMANCE AND WORKSHOP: Saxophonist, composer/arranger and musical director *of the Berliner Band plays* saxophone music from classical to jazz. Question and answer session afterwards. Suitable for all young musicians, especially 7-12 year-olds.
The Purcell Room, London SE1. Today, 11am. Adult £2.50, child £1.25.

NEWPORT PAGNELL CARNIVAL: Today, carnival procession from 1.30pm, followed by entertainments on Riverside Meadow. Tomorrow, events include escapology, a motor cycle display, gymkhana, exemption dog show, horticultural and handicraft displays and an art exhibition.
Newport Pagnell, Milton Keynes. Today, tomorrow.

Judy Froshaug

IN THE GARDEN

Plants in vogue

Gardens are prone to fashion trends. Francesca Greenoak reports on the latest darling of the nation's greenhouses

Gardeners were falling over one another earlier this year to get hold of the seeds of a Mexican climbing plant called *Rhodochiton astrosanguineum*, which a few years ago was grown only by a few botanists and rarity specialists.

Rhodochiton (I'm sorry, it lacks a commonly used English name — though sometimes it is called purple bell vine) has attractive heart-shaped leaves hanging on clasping stems which can climb 10 feet or more. In late summer it is heavy with cascades of pendant pink-purple blooms. The pink bells are the calyxes, the purple-black inner tongues the flower proper. Most encyclopaedias of garden flowers fail to list Rhodochiton; those that do describe it as a subject for greenhouse cultivation. Yet this year, seed firms were *cleared out* of their stocks and nurseries selling plants reported a terrific run on it.

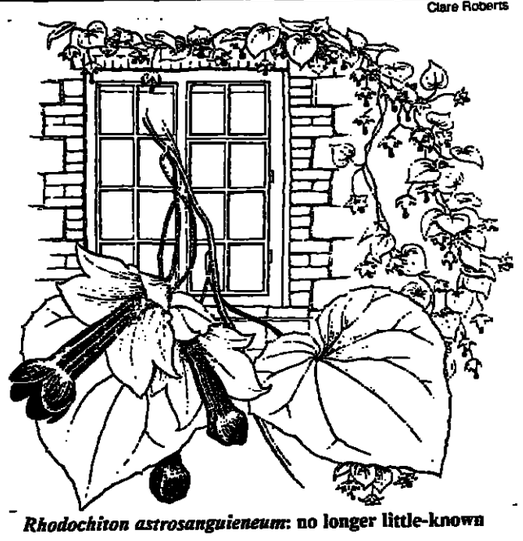
How did this rare and little known plant suddenly become the focus of attention? The answer is probably to be found, not here, but over the sea in the Dutch nurseries.

The Dutch maintain a very high level of entrepreneurial interest in any new plants which might be adaptable for greenhouse, outdoor or breeding purposes, and are prepared to spend seemingly endless effort on long-term trials and experimentation. They also have a network of informal links with botanists and plantspeople all over the world. They recently did large trials of Rhodochiton, calling for seed wherever it could be supplied — a botanist friend of mine sent several thousand.

People who have grown Rhodochiton over several years have discovered it to be hardier than at first thought. In temperate climates it can be grown up a sunny sheltered wall and will over-winter with protection. I like it best growing through shrubs, or in company with another plant in a tub where it will go on flowering through summer and well into the autumn. For me, living in an area with sharp winters, this is ideal as plants can be over-wintered in their tub in a cool greenhouse.

Rhodochiton seed germinates easily; the dangerous period is as the seedlings appear, when they are prone to damping off. Seed should therefore be sown sparsely and seedlings not picked out until they have at least one good leaf. The young plants can be planted out in June or when there is no longer fear of frost.

Clare Roberts



Rhodochiton astrosanguineum: no longer little-known

It is not generally known that cuttings from Rhodochiton taken now from semi-mature new growth made at the root, will take readily in a few weeks making strong young plants which over-winter well. Plants propagated in this way have a head start and will begin flowering earlier than seed-raised ones.

Fashions are not always led from abroad. Another South American climber, *Eccremocarpus* or Glory vine, was launched in a new hybrid form last year. This plant, originally introduced from Chile last century, has long been known to gardeners but in 1981 David Curley, then director of the Unwins trial gardens, noted a novel scarlet form of the species. He crossed this with some pastel shades supplied by specialist gardeners and eventually produced reliable cerise and yellow forms as well. This mixture of colours, named Fireworks, was brought out with a considerable publicity splash, which was justified by subsequent sales — though not quite the frenzy of Rhodochiton.

Gardening has always had its fashions, with one group of plants or another the darlings of the age. Remarkable forms of the native primrose were much prized in Stuart times, while the 18th century gentleman gardeners vied with each other to produce early cucumbers. Victorian fern enthusiasts sought out the rarest and most recessive plants for their collections. It remains to be seen what will be the dominant feature of our own age.

In the short term, however, what novelties might be predicted for the next few years? In Holland, this year, virtually *every garden* boasted a tall purple candelabra of *Fritillaria persica* which may prelude an influx to Britain. This is another plant which is proving hardier than its reputation since a new form called Adiyaman has come into cultivation. I also noticed surprisingly numerous trials of another fritillary (*F. michaelowskyi*) only recently rediscovered in its native Turkey. Dwarfed beside its imperial relatives, it grows only to about six inches but with its red-purple and gold flowers would make an unusual show in a pot or raised bed. A plant for summer tubs which may soon be more widely available is a blue convulvulus (*C. mauritanicus*). It has blue flowers on trailing stems which make it an attractive candidate for hanging baskets.

GARDENS TO VISIT

TODAY

Fife: Kinross House, Kinross, in conjunction with Kinross Show; interesting formal garden, herbaceous borders and roses; *open until 7pm.*

Surrey: Bakersgate, Ash Road, Pirbright, 5 milea north of Guildford, 5 miles west of Woking; 2½ acres; island herbaceous borders; many conifers, roses, greenhouses, orchard and vegetable garden; 2-6pm.

TODAY AND OTHER DAYS

Cheshire: Chester Zoo Gardens, on northern outskirts of Chester on outer ring road; *animals apart, the gardens are* spectacular, carpet bedding with 80,000 plants; large greenhouse with tropical plants and birds; 15,000 roses, rock garden and stream; open daily 10am-6pm in summer. *10am to one hour before dusk* in winter.

North Yorkshire: Newby Hall, 2 miles south-east of Ripon, on B6265, turn south at Bridge Hewick; very old garden, water-coursed rock garden, *rose and tropical gardens;* children's playground and miniature train, and steam boat; open daily until end of September, except Mondays but including Bank Holiday *Monday; 11am-5.30pm.*

Northern Ireland: Mount Stewart House Garden, Newtownards, Co. Down; splendid collection of plants and colourful parterres, one of the finest gardens in Ireland; open *August daily, except* Mon, but open Bank Holiday Monday, noon-8pm; September and October, Sat, Sun and daily except Mondays, 2-6pm.

TOMORROW

Argyll: Tighnamara, Melfort, Kilmelford; 2 acres, in ancient oak wood, fine selection of shrubs, perennials, pool, wild flowers; P; 2-6pm.

Hampshire: Martyr Worthy *Manor, 3 iles north-east of* Winchester, on B3047; 4 acres, roses, mixed borders, interesting trees and shrubs; 2-6pm.

Roy Hay

P=Plants for sale

WEEKEND TIPS

- If you see the beautiful currant clearwing moth sunbathing on the leaves of black or red currants pay special attention to shoots with withered leaves and dwarfed fruit. The clearwing caterpillar eats such shoots from the inside and can do serious damage if left unchecked, so cut back to clear wood now.
- Sow winter lettuce sparsely in rows at least a foot apart and thin carefully so that no plants will touch to minimise slug damage and risk of botrytis.
- Take cuttings from aubrietas and veronicas, choosing young shoots.
- Pinch out growing tips of wallflowers to encourage bushing.

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SHOPPING

Nicole Swengley's reflections on drinkware and the wide choice available

A touch of glass

Photographs by Jill Furmanovsky



Devon pitcher, £15.95, by Dartington Glass, in three sizes from major stores

Good wine calls for good glass. There is a bewildering choice, and the price and quality depend on how the glasses or decanters have been made.

The two main types of drinking glasses are lead crystal and soda lime. Lead crystal is made principally from silica sand, potash and lead oxide, and it is the last ingredient that gives the glass its distinctive sparkle, weight and strength.

"Full lead crystal" glassware has a minimum 30 per cent lead oxide content. Greater lead content means better quality and higher prices, so a less expensive alternative is "lead crystal", which has a minimum 24 per cent. The best crystal is hand-blown and hand-cut with sharply-defined designs that catch and reflect the light. Such well-defined patterns aren't so apparent with machine-moulded crystal.

Although hand-blown soda lime glass (made mainly from silica sand, soda ash and limestone) can be quite fine and costs a lot less than lead crystal, the machine-moulded variety can look cheap and yellow and have fragile rims.

Coloured glass is very much in vogue at the moment. Both Liberty and Harvey Nichols offer a good choice while Mary Fox Linton stocks an alluring selection of shapely urns, vases and jugs, "scavo-finished" to give a frosted effect.

New from Dartington Glass is the Nimbus range, featuring misted crystal glassware in pink/white, grey/white and pink/grey. Vases and bowls, starting from £14.95, are available from leading department stores. Dartington also produces several ranges of lead crystal glasses and decanters, pleasingly simple in shape and satisfying to handle, some of which are Design Centre-selected.

When filled with colourful liqueurs, decanter collections can brighten up a sideboard with all the mystery of an apothecary's shop-window. Even if you stick to the basic rule-of-thumb – round-based decanters for wine, sherry and port, square ones for whisky and brandy – there are all sorts of shapes and styles available, from simple carafes and wide-bottomed ship's decanters to silver-handled claret jugs.



From left: pink jug by Parise Vetro, £33, from Harvey Nichols in Sept; Scavo-finish glass pitcher, £131, Mary Fox Linton; Venetian glass jug, £41.75, Liberty

One London specialist, Perfect Glass, offers three ranges of glassware from inexpensive through to antique and also supplies its own cleaning products. Perfect Glass liquid cleaner (75p) avoids smears caused by washing-up detergents while lint-free Irish linen glass cloths (£2.75 each) dry and polish glasses without leaving behind a rash of fluff. These products are available by mail order (postage and packing details on request) and the shop also offers a service for grinding out and polishing chips in cut lead crystal (from £3.50 per glass). Perfect Glass is at 5 Park Walk, London SW10 (01-351 5342).

● An exhibition of sculptural studio glass opened yesterday and will run to September 5 at Contemporary Applied Arts, 43 Earlham Street, London WC2 (01-836 6993).

● The work of 40 winners who took part in a nationwide competition organized by British Artists in Glass will be displayed at Harvey Nichols (4th floor), Knightsbridge, London SW1 from September 30 for three weeks. All winning entries will be on sale.

EATING OUT

Beano with bambino

Jonathan Meades tests the theory that taking a baby guarantees friendly treatment in Italian restaurants

A month or so ago I wrote enthusiastically about Meridiana. I have since received two reports, one from a correspondent and one from a friend, which, however much they differed in other regards – the former thought the place over-priced, the latter reckoned the cooking to be of the standard one might find in a three-star French place – were unanimous in their condemnation of slovenly and argumentative service.

Now, I didn't see this side of the place; indeed when I was there the service was exemplary in its want of Italian practices. And this was not because the staff knew that I was a spy – I booked, as I habitually do, pseudonymously. Italian service *is* a perennial bore: the admix of cockiness, back-turning, shoulder-dislocating shrugs, lubricious leering, cuteness, braggadocio, pepper mill machismo, little-boy-lost grins, surly narcissisms, spray-on sincerity and high-octane rudeness is, however, not really Italian. It appears to be peculiar to the higher, or higher-priced, class of London establishment and to the more touristic restaurants of touristic cities such as Florence.

One way, I thought, of dissipating it all would be to take a baby to such an establishment: babies are big in Italy. The heart of even the most obdurate lout melts when it sees a baby. Enter, in her Moses basket and beaming, my youngest daughter Lily, seven months. Her stage is called **Mario**, named after its owner who, as the Mario of Mario and Franco, made up one of the greatest Italian double acts since Micky and Angelo. In the Sixties these guys set the pace, contrived the basic terrazza, and saw themselves copied all over London.



Francis Moseley

Here Mario has gone in for auto-plagiarism: tiled floor; picture window on to the Brompton Road where the trees have fairy lights in them; large paintings; a staff which, whatever its usual demeanour, coos and clucks at the sight of Lily. Hardly a minute passes without one of its members coming to check on her well-being, compliment her parents, proffer translations of Italian proverbs about babies, unwittingly demonstrate the truth of the traditional axiom that A Baby Is The Passport To Bliss In London's Italy. Mind you, the rest of the diners looked as though they were being pretty well looked after too.

The cooking, predictably enough, did not match the solicitude of the staff. The rudimentary pizze called crostini – that is, bits of bread, in this case toasted, and in this case heaped with tomato, olive paste, anchovy and mozzarella – were all right and a braise of beef with polenta wasn't bad. But the vegetables were awful – mangetout peas cooked for as long as it took for them to assume a bleachy yellowness were especially awful. And a woefully misguided dish of lamb with grapes (billed as sultanas) and an absolutely tasteless cream sauce was excusable only as invalid food. £63, and unquestionably a good place for babies.

A few hundred yards up the road **Signor Sassi** was delighted to take a booking for a baby. They're good at baby stuff here, too. They're so good at it that you begin to ask yourself whether it is not a dissipation of the characteristic traits but simply an addition to them for, having done their dutiful lovey-dovey turns, several of the waiters went back to the time-honoured pursuit of making a lone diner, an American tourist, feel small. The poor fellow was subjected to the whole gamut of shrugs, grunts, ignored requests and so on.

Mostly, though, the waiters got on with what they're good at – getting the words to old pop songs wrong. At any moment the amended lyrics of up to four different songs would be clashing to form an incredibly advanced synthesis. At the age of seven months this is great fun. Me, I stick with the idea that "I Can't Stop Loving You" is best heard when sung by Ray Charles, and without competition. Most of the singing at Signor Sassi is done at a bottleneck beneath a decorative "post-modern" pediment where the waiters gather to ignore the customers, who are thus allowed to get on with appreciating the decor, some of which is nifty – the mirrors set into rough brick niches are particularly artful.

The kitchen's main talent is for melting butter. There's veal chop with rosemary and melted butter, beans with melted butter, greasy mozzarella in carrozza, and so on. The things to eat are a plate of rigatoni, baked with aubergines and tomatoes, and zabaglione.

I asked what cheeses were available. "Anythin' you wan'." Anythin' turned out to be Bel Paese or Dolcelatte. Why are they like this? Do they not know that their rare British customers know more about the scope of Italian food than they do – which is not saying much. So long as Knightsbridge hotels continue to direct their customers in this direction nothing is going to change. £59 for two and a half! That's babyist, I'd say.

At the **Pizzeria Condotti** – the name is an Italianization of Conduit, which street is 30 yards away – the only service hazard is the waiter who pretends to understand everything you say but has the English vocabulary of, say, a seven-month-old. Even the most basic menu Italian would get through to such a chap, but he smiles in all the right places so you assume he's twigged. He hasn't. No anchovies on this pizza please, so one gets anchovies. An ashtray please, so one gets nothing. The pizze are well made, though in a different, and lower, league from those at the Pizzeria Castello at Elephant and Castle.

The place is decorated with indifferent 1970s prints which look as if they've been offered in lieu of payment in cash. At one end of the scale you drink Peroni beer, which is good, at the other Veuve Cliquot: the choice between is unalluring. With a bottle of the other, £42 for two.

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BRIDGE

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THE TIMES COOK

Whether the weather be hot . . .

Temperature and humidity can make soufflés slump and pastry limp. But Frances Bissell has some solutions, whatever the weather

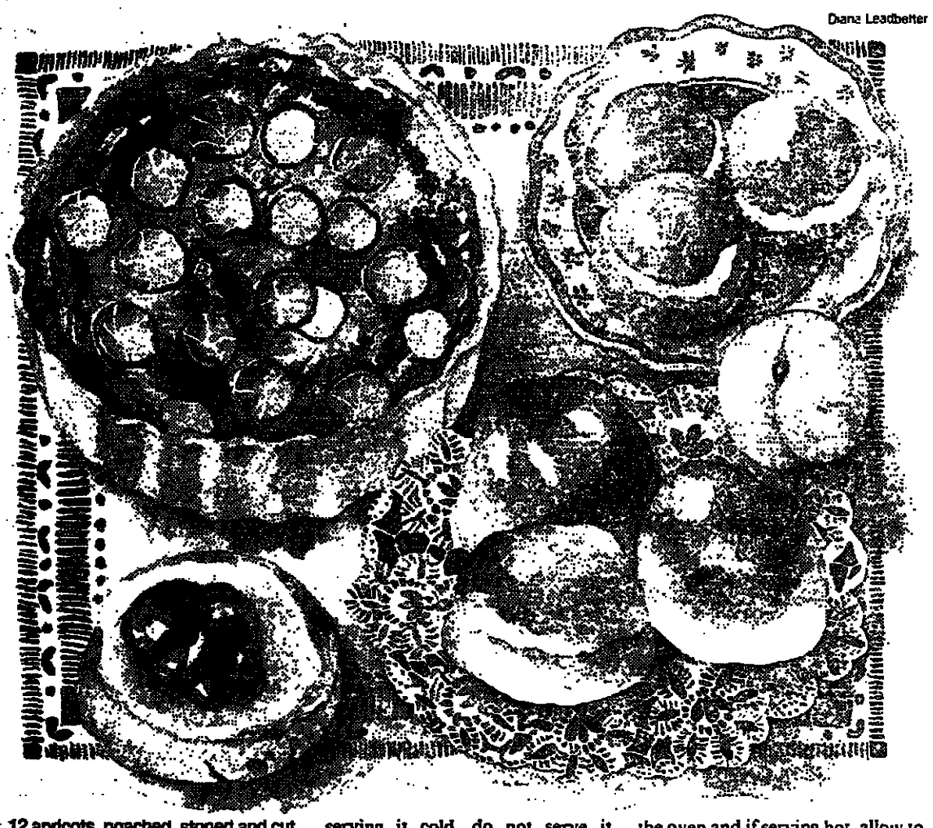
All that humid weather we had not so long ago created havoc in the kitchen. The pastry wouldn't crisp. The soufflés wouldn't rise. The cream turned.

It's easy to forget how temperature, water, altitude, air pressure and such apparently irrelevant matters can affect our cooking. And so we go ahead and plan to serve our guests a soufflé in the middle of a thunderstorm, or make them crisp apricot tarts when the air feels like warm, wet felt.

I have one or two alternatives to offer. Instead of pastry, use slices of bread. Ever since I ate Toasts Rothschild at the Grand Véfour in Paris years ago, I have liked the idea of using bread as a container – either scooped out and filled or used to line tart tins. Sweet or savoury fillings can be used, grated parmesan replacing sugar as appropriate. This also makes an excellent standby for those who feel nervous of a pastry or who, like me, simply do not have the cool hands to turn out a good batch of pastry.

And instead of a soufflé, may I suggest a clafoutis? Clafoutis in its authentic state is served at harvest time in the Auvergne and the Limousin, batter poured over cherries and baked. It is extremely simple, good-tempered and suggestive of many possible variations. Instead of a sweet, make a savoury, with olives, garlic, tomatoes and anchovies or, as I like to do, with cubes of gruyère cheese and thinly sliced courgettes. But consider crab and spring onions, asparagus, wild mushrooms or anything that you would like to put in a soufflé. Unlike a soufflé, this dish will wait for you and your guests. It is, in fact, best served neither straight from the oven, nor stone cold from the refrigerator, but just warm. Made in individual tart tins, these make good snacks to serve with drinks. As a first or main course, I like to bake it in a large flat dish.

The scones I made with the turned cream were so good that I now buy soured cream to make them. They bear no resemblance to bagels but are jolly good for breakfast with scraps of smoked salmon and more sour cream.



Diana Leadbetter

Gruyère and courgette clafoutis
(Serves 4 to 6)

- 3 tbs strong white flour
- ¼pint/450ml full-cream milk
- 3 eggs (size 3)
- 2oz/175g gruyère
- 4oz/110g courgettes, sliced
- pepper, salt

Make a batter with the flour, milk and eggs and let it stand for half an hour. With half the butter, liberally butter a flan dish. Dice the gruyère, and scatter it and the courgettes over the base of the dish. Season the batter with salt and pepper, and pour it into the dish. Dot the rest of the butter on the top. Bake in a fairly hot oven, gas mark 6/200C/400 F, for 30 minutes, and then turn down to mark 4/180 C/350 F for another 20 minutes. Remove from the oven and serve warm. The mixture has risen and is puffy when taken from the oven, then it sinks. It is meant to do this. Do not worry.

● **Cook's Note:** For a homely and substantial pudding, omit the cheese, vegetables and seasoning. Add 2oz/50g sugar to the batter and pour over sliced apples, pears or plums.

Apricot bread and butter tarts
(makes 12)

- 12 slices bread
- 3oz/75g softened butter
- 2 tbs unrefined light muscovado sugar
- 12 apricots, poached, stoned and cut in half
- 4oz/110g thick Greek yoghurt or double cream

With a pastry cutter, cut out rounds of bread to fit individual tart tins. Brush the tins with half the softened butter, and spread the rest of the butter on the bread, one side only. Roll the edges of the bread in sugar, and fit them gently into the tart tins, butter side up, taking care that they don't break. Place a small piece of greaseproof paper in the base of each tart and a few dried beans on top. Bake the bread and butter tarts in the centre of a hot oven for 10 minutes until crisp and golden brown. When cooked, remove from oven. Spoon yoghurt or double cream, and lay the apricot halves on top. Serve hot or warm.

● **Cook's note:** For an excellent starter course, roll the bread in parmesan instead of sugar, bake and fill with garlicky mushrooms, prawns or diced vegetables tossed in yoghurt and chives.

Roast Stuffed Loin of Pork
(Serves 4 to 6)

This is a good-tempered roast (like most pork dishes) and can be left well alone in the oven. Long, slow cooking is needed and an extra 15 minutes or so won't hurt. Delicious hot or cold, but if you are serving it cold, do not serve it straight from the refrigerator. Chilled slices of meat are most unappetising.

- 75g/3oz dried prunes
- 1.5kg/3½lb loin of pork
- 1 onion
- 100g/4oz soft breadcrumbs
- 50g/2oz shelled and chopped walnuts
- fresh herbs
- seasoning
- stock to moisten (about 6 tbs)

Put the prunes to soak in hot wine, tea or water. Remove the skin from the pork and bone the joint or ask your butcher to do this. Make stock with the bones. Remove a few of the loose pieces of meat (say, 2oz/50g) and finely chop or mince it. Peel and chop the onion and mix it with the meat, breadcrumbs and walnuts. Add finely chopped fresh herbs and seasoning. Remove the stones from the prunes. Cut the meat almost through horizontally and open it out. Spread the stuffing over the meat and lay the prunes down the middle. Shape it into a roll, and tie it at intervals to keep it together. Heat a non-stick frying pan, fry the joint all over to seal it and transfer it to a casserole. Moisten with stock and cook in a slowish oven gas mark 4/180 C/350 F for 1½ hours. Remove from the oven and if serving hot, allow to rest in a warm place for 10 minutes before carving. If serving cold, it is delicious with a crisp fennel salad and perhaps a cold rice or pasta salad as well as plenty of salad greens.

Soured cream scones
(Makes 12)

- 10oz/275g strong plain flour
- pinch of salt
- 5 level tsp baking powder
- 1oz/25g butter
- ¼ ml/150ml soured cream
- milk or egg-and-milk mixture to glaze

Sift the flour, salt and baking powder into a baking bowl. Cut up the butter and rub it into the flour. Add the soured cream gradually, stirring it in with a knife to make a soft dough. Or mix in a food processor. First the dry ingredients should be thoroughly blended together, then the butter cut up into the flour and finally the cream added. Knead the dough quickly on a lightly floured board, roll it out to ½-inch (2½cm) thick, and cut into rounds. Place the scones on a baking tray, making sure that they are touching, as this helps them to rise. Brush with milk or egg and milk and bake towards the top of a pre-heated oven, gas mark 8/230C/450F for about 10 minutes.

DRINK

Fair game

Eric Beaumont



At this time of year I normally feel a bit of a nincompoop writing about hearty red wines for the first game dishes. I always imagine that in August everyone is heading for the beach rather than a grouse moor and that gallons of thirst-quenching white wines are what's really required.

This year, given our miserable, rain-soaked summer, I have no such qualms. So it's red wines then for August 12 and the first grouse – and no doubt for all the other wretched, low-pressure August days that will follow it.

The food world may hate me for saying so, but much of the so-called "first young grouse" offered next Wednesday will be last season's produce. What is needed with these tough, full-flavoured birds is an equally big, chunky red whose positive character will not be overwhelmed by that of the grouse. Oddbins has just shipped a small 1,000 case parcel of Firestone's intriguing '79 Pinot Noir for the giveaway price of £2.99 a bottle. (Robert Mondavi's admittedly superior, but more youthful, '83 Pinot Noir is on sale at Oddbins for £7.49.) This medium red wine with its mature garnet edge is obviously ready for drinking now and its rich, sappy, chocolatey flavour is perhaps an acquired taste. But I enjoyed its unusual, spicy-oaky style and felt that its bitter, almost liquorice-like finish would tackle even the most powerful, well-hung birds.

The English, unlike the French, tend to lump all game birds and even game together but the flavour of, say, a bland plateful of guinea fowl is very different from that of an ultra-gamey haunch of mature venison or rack of hare. Guinea fowl and young grouse eaten for the sake of it on the 12th (rather than allowing the flesh time to develop its full flavour) need fresh, fruity reds to accompany them. Beaujolais, as Charles Lea from Laytons pointed out to me this week, is certainly one thought but richer, plummier Pinot Noir from Burgundy is still my first choice for young or mildly-flavoured game.

What neither myself nor Charles Lea argue about is the stunning quality of Layton's '85 Givry, Les Bois-Chevaux from the Domaine Baron Thénard. The pure unadulterated Pinot Noir fruit behind this wine will be a revelation to those used to the soupy, sweet, "English-style" burgundies of yesteryear. I loved this Givry's rich, ripe, voluptuous damson fruit and it is interesting to note that Givry, standing alone in the centre of the Côte Chalonnaise considerably to the south of the fabled Côte d'Or, is capable of producing burgundies of such quality. Priced at £6.61 a bottle from Laytons, this ripe, fruity mouthful will make an excellent partner for young grouse, partridge or quail.

More mature grouse and pheasant, when they arrive, do demand burgundies with a bit more gamey maturity about them and Laytons again has an ideal choice: its fine '79 Beaune, Clos du Mouches from the Domaine Virely-Rougeot. I adored its tawny-red colour and delicious, elegant, restrained tea-leaf and cinnamon-like taste whose perfumed finesse is everything that any Côte d'Or devotee could ask for. Priced at £13.42 and also on sale at Laytons, this Beaune, along with the Givry, is available both for purchase and tasting today at Laytons, 20 Midland Road, London NW1 (01-388 5081).

For those who are looking for a big, robust red, to partner the richer, fattier game birds such as wild duck, Italy has provided the answer with its '82 Rubesco Torgiano from Dr Giorgio Lungarotti (Oddbins, £5.60.) This fine, plummy, violet-nosed red is packed with fruit and flavour and its high acidity and classic bitter Italian finish will enable it to cope with the fattiest of game meats, gravies and garnishes.

Jane MacQuitty

BRIDGE

Paying the penalty

Tournament players have discarded the penalty double in many sequences, preferring to use the bid to describe a variety of other things. Whatever the merits of Sputniks, Competitive and Game try doubles, I sometimes wonder if the old broadsword may rust from disuse if left too long in the scabbard.

At the Rubber bridge table they call a spade a spade, and doubles are for blood. Anyone can double when they hold a stack of trumps or a powerhouse. But some of the most profitable doubles, based on relatively slender values, emerge from a close scrutiny of the opponents' bidding.

Suppose you hold this hand as West:

♠ 8
♡ AJ96
◇ K1063
♣ J1098

The opponents have bid as follows:
Rubber bridge. Game all. Dealer South.

W	N	E	S
–	–	–	1♡
No	1♠	No	2♡
No	2♡	No	2NT
No	3NT	No	No
?			

Admittedly you have no rock crusher. But consider the bidding. Both opponents are limited. North by his failure to afford more than a simple preference of two hearts, and South by his bid of two No trumps. They have staggered into their contract with nothing to spare. Do the cards lie well for declarer? Obviously not. You have the red suits well held over South, and East can be presumed to have the spades over North. As a bonus, you have an attractive lead in the shape of the ♠J. If a good player failed to double, he would be a craven coward.

An excellent example of the inferential double recently occurred in the big game at the St James's Club. The doubler was the wine merchant Bernard Teltscher, generous sponsor of several bridge events, whose diffident catchphrase is, "I'm no hero of the Soviet Union". We shall see.
Rubber Bridge. Game all. Dealer North.

	♠ 872 ♡ AJ9874 ◇ K ♣ AKJ	
♠ AJ63 ♡ K3 ◇ 0963 ♣ 974	N W E S	♠ K95 ♡ Q1065 ◇ 72 ♣ Q865
	♠ Q104 ♡ 2 ◇ AJ10854 ♣ 1032	

W	N	E	S
	Teltscher		
–	1♡	No	1NT
No	2♡	No	3♢ (1)
No	3NT (2)	Double (3)	No
No	No	–	–

Opening lead ♦3

(1) Doubtful
(2) A bad mistake. South has denied the values to respond at the two level but has promised a decent diamond suit. If for no other reason, the obvious lack of communications should persuade North to pass.
(3) By no means obvious, but the principal ingredients are there.

Declarer did not make the best of his unenviable task, garnering only four tricks. A penalty of 1400 points was a handsome reward for enterprise, and a reminder that, sometimes, the mild can also bite.

Jeremy Flint

CHESS

Victory by manoeuvres

Wood Green Club (London) has won the 1987 Peterborough Software British Club Championship, defeating Atherton (Nigel Short's old club) in the final by 4½-1½.

The closing duel of this nationwide, year long knockout competition was held at Thorpe Park, the sponsor's Peterborough headquarters, on July 11. The mayor of Peterborough, Rex Perkins, formally opened the proceedings by making the first move in the top board game between Andrew Martin and John Littlewood.

Six hours of hard fighting followed. At the close of play it was clear that the Northern team had been completely outmanoeuvred. John Littlewood might have narrowed the gap had he won his favourable position, but time-troubled blunders allowed a complete reversal of fortune.

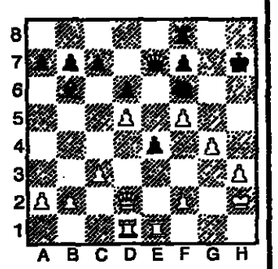
Individual results were as follows (Wood Green names first): A D Martin beat J E Littlewood; M B Pein beat N W Ivell; A P Law beat N J Holloway; P J Sowray drew with M J Conroy; G D Lee beat M J O'Hara; M P Townsend lost to A W Beardsworth.

The final coincided with the annual general meeting of the British Chess Federation. At the closing reception, the president, David Jarrett, announced two special awards. The President's Plaque for outstanding services to chess went to the BBC, in recognition of 15 years' screening of chess, notably the Mastergame series and world championship coverage. The producer, Robert Toner, accepted the award on its behalf.

Jon Speelman, the British champion, was voted Player of the Year after a close contest with Nigel Short. Speelman was in Subotica, qualifying for the Candidates' Tournament and was unable to attend the reception. Grandmaster Jim Plaskett received the £250 cheque on his behalf.

I was invited to judge the best game from the final and I awarded the prize of £100 to Malcolm Pein for this turbulent conclusion from the day's play.

White: N W Ivell (Atherton); Black: M B Pein (Wood Green).



White has Rook and two pawns against Black's Bishop and Knight. Nominally, this would represent a slight material advantage for White, but it is Black's move. Pein exploits this to lay bare White's King with a Knight sacrifice.

27 –	Nxg4+!	28 hxg4	Qh4+	
29 Kg2	Qxg4+	30 Kf1	Qh3+	
31 Ke2	Qf3+	32 Kf1	Qh1+	

For a move Black hesitates. The immediate 32 . . . e3 wins on the spot.

33 Ke2 Qf3+ 34 Kf1 e3

Seizing his chance. If now 35 Rxe3 Bxe3 36 Qxe3 Qxd1+ wins.

35 Qc2 e2+ White resigns

Any capture on e2 runs into . . . Qh1 mate.

Raymond Keene

● Watch out on page 2 of *The Times* during the coming week for reports on the Kleinwort Grieveson British Championship at Swansea, where Jon Speelman is seeking a hat-trick victory.

His main rivals for the title are Grandmasters Nigel Short, Jonathan Mestel, Jim Plaskett and the former Commonwealth champion Ian Rogers, of Australia.

● Thames Television has announced that there will be a limited number of free tickets to watch the BIS British Speed Chess Championship live at London's Park Lane Hotel over August 17-20. Anyone interested in obtaining free tickets should apply at once to: The Ticket Unit, Thames TV, 149 Tottenham Court, London W1.

This should be an exciting event. Draws will not count and Short and Speelman will be challenged by John Nunn, Murray Chandler and Britain's only woman Grandmaster, Dr Jana Miles.

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THE ARTS

Strange heroes

Hollywood breeds strange heroes, but stranger still is the apparently bottomless well of interest they will always generate. *The RKO Story: Howard's Way* (BBC2) and *Hollywood Heroes* (Channel Four) were both concerned with men whose reputations have placed them on the borders of mythology. In the last of the series about the RKO studios, the ultimately eccentric and evasive Howard Hughes came under the spotlight. His is always a good tale, and his role as one of the final proprietors of the studio gave his obsessive behaviour great scope.

TELEVISION

Although self-proclamatory in a particularly American way, the programme lived up to its initial boast to include some fascinating interviews with film stars involved in the Howard regime. He would appear at the dinner table as an unannounced third party when Janet Leigh was out on a date and he drew detailed sketches of how he wished Jean Simmons' perfect lips to look. Nothing, though, concerned him so much as the voluptuous Jane Russell's bosom. As chief target of his proprietorial behaviour, she described his attempts to design a seamless bra for her or to make her dance in a miniscule bikini with the wearied manner of someone recalling a tiresome, demanding child.

Steve McQueen, the subject of *Hollywood Heroes*, had two things in common with Hughes. He loved the thrill generated by speed (Hughes flew planes, McQueen drove bikes and cars) and like Hughes he regarded all women as "broads".

With a compelling face that looked bruised by experience right from the start, he eventually became one of Hollywood's chief financial assets. While Jane Russell was wanted as a walking, talking cleavage, McQueen also became chained to an image, that of "the macho man who dared to be tender".

Alexandra Shulman

Enter the outsider

When Kenneth Branagh played Henry at Stratford, he took the stage as if he owned it. **Bryan Appleyard** talks to one of the theatre's brightest young hopes

John Rogers



Branagh . . . an "acting animal" who knows where he was going and how to take the audience along with him

At the age of 16, Kenneth Branagh made his first trip to Stratford. He lived in a tent and saw Michael Hordern in *The Tempest*, Jonathan Pryce in *The Taming of the Shrew* and Michael Pennington in *Measure for Measure*. He also sat in the Dirty Duck — the actors' pub — with a Coca-Cola, eavesdropping on conversations and hoping that people would take him for an actor. He even plucked up the courage to ask the house manager at the theatre to let him see backstage.

"He was born to act," says Hugh Cruttwell, the principal at RADA during the two and a half years Branagh studied there. "He is an acting animal."

Ask people in the business to name the brightest hope for British theatre and many of them would select Branagh. At 26, he has two key stage performances behind him — Henry V at Stratford and Tommy Judd in *Another Country* — and he is now running his own company, the Renaissance, which has just begun its first season with a play written by and starring Branagh.

"He was a complete surprise," says Adrian Noble, associate director of the Royal Shakespeare Company, who directed Branagh in *Henry V*. "I wanted a young Henry, and I expected to have to lead him through a role of that size. But he knew where he was going from the beginning. He knew how to take an audience with him. Above all, he just gets on with it."

The profession, quite simply, adores him and through his new management role he is already taking on the mantle of the new Olivier. His personality helps. Branagh's energy and confidence have raised hopes that, once again, actors may run the show.

He was born in December, 1960, to a working-class Protestant family living in Mountcollyer Street, North Belfast. Of a disciplined but happy childhood, he recalls the extraordinary closeness of family and community as well as the awesome rigour of his primary school. But his father, a carpenter, found work easier to come by in England and wanted to move. Nine-year-old Kenneth, his older brother and his mother, by then pregnant with his sister, all resisted. But one night a Protestant mob from another part of town swarmed up the street, took up the iron gratings on the drains and flung them through the windows of the few Catholic houses. The next day the barricades were up at the end of the street and the Troubles were under way. Mrs Branagh agreed to move.

At 13 he wrote to the *Reading Evening Post* complaining about their failure to cover children's books. He was made the paper's reviewer, writing a *Junior Bookshelf* column for three years, and the notion grew that he would become a journalist. But he suspected he could never take the grind of working his way up through locals and, besides, he had been bitten by theatre.

As his A levels approached, his father wearily tried to persuade him to do some work. But he just scraped through, having been unable to put theatre to one side. Luckily, he was accepted at RADA. Cruttwell, who was at his first audition, played it cool, telling Branagh: "Acting like that comes ten-a-penny." But he now admits that something special was clearly happening. The place at the school was never in doubt and Cruttwell was to become a central influence.

In his last term at RADA, Branagh was cast for a BBC "Play for Today" by Graham Reid called *Too Late to Talk to Billy*, which turned out to be the first of a trilogy. Then, almost at once, he was cast for the West End production of Julian Mitchell's *Another Country*. The play had been running at Greenwich and there had been uncertainty about the move to the West End. Some cast changes were insisted upon — which is where Branagh came in.

With all the casual presumption of youth, Branagh simply took it in his stride. It was just another part. The critics saw it differently. Of Branagh's performance, Irving Wardle remembers: "He was a great discovery, appearing suddenly out of nowhere, fully matured."

"He was a bit of an outsider when he first arrived," recalls David Parfitt, who was also in the cast. "We all used to kid Rupert Everett that this new boy would put him in the shade. He was one of the lads after about a week, though." In fact, Branagh's reputation has been established almost entirely in heavyweight theatre, contrasting strongly with the stardom cultivated by Everett through films, pop records and the gossip columns.

Branagh began his six-month run in the show with studious devotion. Rising late, eating sensible breakfasts and resting during the day. It was a regime that exhausted him. So, as time wore on, he joined the rest of the cast in lunchtime productions. He discovered that the more he did, the more he could do. "Mind you," he says, "looking back at it now, perhaps I should have been clubbing it every night. It might be my only West End run."

The next year was taken up with television, a period which left him frustrated and feeling starved of the theatre and "real acting". With increasingly typical confidence he organized a one-man show for himself which involved reading the 1,400 lines of Tennyson's *Maud*. It was seen by two RSC casting directors, leading to *Henry V*.

Again Branagh was, at first, unamazed. It was a part and he'd got it. Indeed at Stratford on the first night Anthony Sher recalled him "strolling around that famous stage as if born on it".

Henry at Stratford and the Barbican took up '84 and '85. As the run progressed, Branagh started working on a play of his own. The play was *Tell Me Honestly*, and it was produced at Newcastle as part of a festival.

At the same time he was beginning to think of creating his own company — an idea that clearly raised institutional hackles at the RSC.

"When I left Stratford in '85 Terry Hands said he would give me one piece of advice: 'Don't do it.' He added that Ian McKellen had tried it three times and failed — I disagree with that, incidentally — and it would ruin my acting. That frightened me. It's not often said, but it's behind many directors' attitudes."

But he did finally go ahead, putting Renaissance together with radically pro-actor gestures like asking Judi Dench to direct *Much Ado About Nothing* and Geraldine McEwan to do the same with *As You Like It*. "It's marvellous to be able do something for ourselves," McEwan says. "It's a minor revolution, really." Branagh has put in around £25,000 of his own money and is raising the remainder of the £250,000 needed from private sources.

Although Branagh will not come out and say it explicitly, he clearly has little time for the directing mentality. "I'd much rather be just an actor. I'd love someone to come along and tell me just to play these parts and give all your energy to this company. But the atmosphere doesn't seem right for that to happen. I've talked to a lot of actors who were at the Olivier company at the National — John Stride, Charles Kay and so on — and you can smell that place and feel the quality of the work. I would die for a company like that.

"We miss somebody like Olivier or Gielgud. They were beacons and they knew what it was like to be an actor. I want a few heroes, but I look around and they're not there. But now I really think we are at the beginning of something else."

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● Public Enemy *by Kenneth Branagh runs at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith until August 15. The Renaissance season then continues at Riverside Studios, Hammersmith, with John Sessions'* The Life of Napoleon.

Porgy lives

OPERA

Porgy and Bess
Glyndebourne

The miracle has survived, more or less intact. Trevor Nunn's great-hearted production again manages to buzz with multifarious vitality (it is a triumphant ensemble effort), yet also to focus keenly on the heart of Gershwin's opera.

Most of last year's cast has returned to recreate Catfish Row on the Sussex downs. There is Gregg Baker's Crown, a powerhouse of malevolence, yet more subtly menacing with Cynthia Haymon's fragile, appealing Bess on Kittiwah Island; and Damon Evans's credibly low-key Sportin' Life.

Willard White's Porgy is a portrayal he will never better. His delivery of the "Buzzard Song" exactly caught the mixture of massive inner strength and innocence (in both spiritual and worldly matters) that gives the figure its tragic stature.

Porgy's female complement is probably not the flawed Bess but the stoic Serena, again sung by Cynthia Clarey with magnificent vibrancy.

But the biggest change is that of conductor, and this, regrettably, seems to have lessened the evening's impact. Richard Bradshaw's reading does not lack orchestral power, but his uncomfortable choice of speeds — frenetically fast in the opening prelude, and pushing through "Bess, You Is My Woman" with little poetry, yet stolidly lagging behind the singers elsewhere — occasionally created ragged ensemble and dampened slightly the LPO's exuberant playing.

In one aspect, though, this revival gains over last year's staging: the ambience of Gershwin's fiftieth anniversary surrounds it. To experience this moving *Porgy* amid the current blitz of schmaltz coming from television and concert platform is to measure the extraordinary leap in ambition, imagination and genuine feeling that Gershwin made just once in his life.

Richard Morrison

DANCE

Sounds off . . .

Strong Language
Battersea Park

Dee Conway



Centre stage: Mary Evelyn and Mark Baldwin, a stable couple among the shifting patterns

It probably needed some strong language before the dancers got it together, but otherwise the title of Richard Alston's new work for Ballet Rambert's two weeks in the Battersea Park tent must relate to some of the more vigorous movement in it. Eleven dancers are involved, and Alston is never at a loss to keep them in continuous permutations for almost all of 30 minutes.

His choreography recalled in places a work he made for Extemporary Dance Theatre a couple of years ago called *Cutter* and it has the same composer of accompanying electronic sounds in John-Marc Gowans. These are not sufficiently memorable to recall whether the pitched and pitchless pulses are, in fact, the same sounds.

Sometimes the movement takes its impetus from the repetitious ostinato rhythms, at other times the dancing is in counterpoint to them, like the opening sequence for Mary Evelyn and Mark Baldwin as a more stable couple among the shifting patterns of the others. When the images multiply to fives and sixes the resulting ensemble work is often exhilarating.

Their presentation is better served by Peter Mumford's lighting than by the clothes design credited to Katharine Hamnett. The unchanging black of their colour imparts a depressingly institutional effect as well as doing little for the bodies inside.

That the dancers manage to overcome this is due to the clarity and individual weight of each image and its placing among the rest. They tell no story, or even achieve much variety of character, but as dancing for its own sake it is easier to enjoy with the eye than to feel attracted through the ear.

Some technical limitations of the stage here have meant a change in the triple bill that continues through to Monday. Christopher Bruce's *Dancing Day* has replaced his *Night With Waning Moon*, of which the more elaborate stage design could not be properly shown. The former's gentle pastoral pleasantries to songs by Holst, with Nicholas Carr smoothly directing the six singers and solo violin, conceals a deeper choreographic artistry than might be thought.

It complements the opening *Dipping Wings* led by Mary Evelyn in her own choreography, in which bodies aspire to flights and become a metaphor for the human condition as they flock together and separate in pairs or alone.

Noel Goodwin

A poor year, but the festival rolls on

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL



Dunlop: no winners

Great was the shaking of heads and loud were the murmurings of discontent when the international festival-goers got down to studying the programme for this year's Edinburgh Festival.

Was the Pittsburg Symphony Orchestra the best they could muster? Was the Finnish National Opera really to be the highlight of it all, especially after last year's operatic disasters? Was there to be no talk ever again of Domingo and Berganza and such great names as these? Where were the great programmes of the past, the ones that at a stroke introduced Janaček to the West?

"It's cold soup and it's been standing for a long time," commented one long-time festival watcher. "There really isn't anything terribly exciting," observed the *New York Times*, articulating a widespread view among leading foreign journals. Even festival director Frank Dunlop's keenly awaited second World Theatre Season, Papua New Guineans notwithstanding, lacks on paper at least, an out-and-out winner.

Reports of the festival's imminent demise, however, or even the mid-life crisis to which any 41-year-old might feel entitled, are exaggerated. The music programme this year is undeniably weak.

The fact that the same criticism was levelled at the drama programme for the last 20 years has not stopped it re-emerging triumphantly over the last two. Edinburgh is still by far the biggest arts event in the world, with ticket sales for the next three weeks running into millions. People who never normally leave their TV sets will be going to two live performances a day.

Income from sponsorship has more than doubled since last year. Ever more eager youth and student performers will be descending on unsuspecting church halls. Not just to the so-called *official festival*, of course, but the Fringe, or indeed the jazz, the film, the television and this year's book festivals.

The various festivals (not excluding the military tattoo) recognize each other's contribution to the whole and the whole has become hugely popular. Recent successful innovations include the fireworks concert from the castle, the appearance of more and more official events in what used to be Fringe venues (and to a lesser extent the other way round), and the huge growth of Fringe. Lest one forgets, this has only happened within the last 10 years. The spectacle of performers (and audiences) spilling out on to the streets and courtyards, plus the creation of a genuinely festive mood in the city, is a recent and direct result of that growth.

Sheer size (I have not even mentioned the 50 or so exhibitions that will be showing) and a jolly festive atmosphere are not, of course, enough. Without major events of real quality and without imaginative programme planning the festival will soon start to unravel.

Even so, the festival's assets should not be under-valued. The prospect of a congenial atmosphere is sufficiently rare to several international performers, who are always being hustled from airport to airport, to make it a useful bargaining counter. Perhaps Mr Dunlop should spend what modest resources he has on fewer but bigger names and let the rest of the festivals take care of the quantity.

In the meantime, despite or maybe because of all its mutations, the festival remains remarkably close to the ideals of its post-war founders. Certainly the need for a big international celebration of the more positive achievements of humanity is undiminished. Whatever the shortcomings of any one year, there is no reason why Edinburgh, with careful husbandry, cannot continue to fulfil that need.

Robert Dawson Scott

Don Quixote in Sierra Morena

Buxton Festival

Among Handel's contemporaries, Francesco Conti was all the rage in Vienna for a few years. His *Don Quixote* opera seems to have been his major success and is therefore an obvious choice for the kind of revival that the Buxton Festival does so well. And the success of the work — apparently not staged since the 1730s — is largely due to the winning performance of Neill Archer in the title role. He has mastered exactly the right combination of knockabout farce, pathos and sheer lunacy that make Quixote so sympathetic. And he sings with the exceptional flexibility and clarity of line that the music demands, with immaculately clear and witty diction as well as a supreme control of the melodic style.

Anthony Hose provided a sensible translation, filleted the work down to reasonable length and conducted with an evident enthusiasm to which the Manchester Camerata responded well if somewhat roughly. Michael Geliot's production was plainly underrehearsed and will take a few performances to settle down: it must in any case have been difficult to assemble. But Roger Butlin's evocative single set, imaginatively lit by Chris Parry, made an immediate impact, as did Annena Stubbs's delightful costume — I particularly like the delicious moments when Rosa Mannion's Dorotea, dressed as a gangster's moll, donned a headpiece of plastic fruit to impersonate the Queen of Mimomicona.

Eirian Davies is a natural for the difficult music of Lucinda created for Maria Landini, the composer's wife, though she sometimes overstretched herself in her embellishments. Timothy Wilson as her lover Cardenio showed a superb gift for this kind of music. Roger Bryson was splendidly blaff and lucid as Sancho Panza. Adrian Thompson, Meryl Drower, Jonathan Kenny and Anthony Michaels-Moore were excellent in smaller roles.

David Fallows

Fledermaus wings back

A new production of *Die Fledermaus* will be introduced at the Welsh National Opera autumn season this year.

There will also be revivals of *Fidelio*, *The Cunning Little Vixen* and *The Marriage Of Figaro*.

Die Fledermaus (September 9) marks the British opera debut of producer Helmut Polixa. Suzanne Murphy is Rosalinde. It will be conducted by Gyorgy Fischer.

Harry Kupfer's production of *Fidelio* (September 18) has Welsh soprano Mary Lloyd-Davies as Leonore and Anthony Roden as Florestan. The cast also includes Anne Williams-King (Marzelline), Timothy German (Jacquino), Claude Corbeil (Rocco), Adalbert Waller (Pizarro) and Henry Newman (Don Fernando).

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The Royal Blue banners of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra hung proudly from the organ console and the pit and stalls were healthily full of both Scots and Sassenachs. But what was clearly intended to be a festive prom failed to fulfil its promise, for all the many fine qualities shown by the orchestra, and particularly its creamy woodwind section, under the direction of George Hurst.

Hurst is one of those conductors who has been consistently underrated, perhaps partly because of his undemonstrative manner. In Dvorák's Cello Concerto, his soloist was Mischa Maisky, a man of very different character. He came to the podium with a formidable reputation, gained not least through his recent recordings, a wonderful, wood-flavoured singing tone, and an uncompromising frame of mind.

The results were predictably ill-balanced. Hurst had understandable difficulty in coping with some of Maisky's tempo fluctuations, particularly in the first movement, while throughout Maisky tried to inject the work with too much passion from the outside.

Yet no music interprets itself, though in Brahms's Third Symphony, which came before the interval, the orchestra sometimes seemed willing that it should be allowed to do so.

One thing to relish, however, was Hurst's pacing of the work, and especially the way in which he refused to allow the andante to dawdle.

With greater concentration, in a more intimate hall, and with fewer of those little slips of ensemble and intonation, Hurst might well have scored a revealing success here.

Stephen Pettitt

Telling the old, old story

Barrence Whitfield & The Savages
Dingwalls

ROCK

While John Peel presided on the radio over the grand movements of Sixties psychedelia and to a lesser extent Seventies punk, his natural successor in the Eighties, Andy Kershaw, has come to be most closely associated with the roots revivalist cause. Barrence Whitfield is one of Kershaw's discoveries — and another firm indicator of the current wisdom that for rock, as in jazz, the path ahead seems to be leading backwards.

In four years spent slogging round the Boston bar circuit, with a shifting succession of Savages' line-ups, Whitfield has perfected a show, which although it incorporated many original compositions, nevertheless manages not to acknowledge a single musical development since 1959.

The band's crisp, full-tilt attack was led by Bruce Katz's rapidly hammered piano chords and David Sholl's jitterbugging tenor saxophone parts, which seemed to be trying to locate an easy-listening pitch for dogs during a particularly abandoned instrumental, "Rocking With Joe".

Much of Whitfield's delivery, as in "Stop Twisting My Arm", was in the yelling style of Little Richard. A cheerful looking man, he flung himself about with increasing vigour during "Frieda Frieda", an old Valiants' song which sounded like "Tutti Frutti" at 78 rpm, but energetic as it all was, there was a lack of contrast, and more importantly, a complete absence of ambition in the programme as a whole.

David Sinclair

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BOOKS IN BRIEF

Ladykillers: Crime Stories by *Women* (Everyman, £3.95)
Niccolo Rising, by Dorothy Dunnett (Penguin, £4.95)
The Imperial German Dinner Service, by David Hughes (Paladin, £2.95)

A seemingly trivial, yet deadly attention to detail peppers both the sweet and the salty brand of stories in **Ladykillers.** A dressmaker's pin points to pernicious truth in Agatha Christie's "Tape-Measure Murder", a shopping trolley containing bottles of gin and sherry provides lethal ammunition for the lonely, vindictive widow in Margaret Yorke's "The Mouse Will Play".

This collection is cleverly compiled, moving disconcertingly from the satisfyingly secure to the brutally dangerous. There are the delightful detective stories by Dorothy Sayers, Agatha Christie and Margery Allingham, in which the impetus of the story comes less from a brutal murder, than from intellectual satisfaction in the clue-sniffing ability of the sleuth.

Interwoven with these are the shocking and brilliantly unpleasant stories by Antonia Fraser, Caroline Blackwood and Elizabeth Jane Howard. In these tales, dreadful deeds often stem from inexplicable or petty motives, and psychological torture replaces clean-cut death.

● Violence, betrayal, resentment and revenge also race their wicked way through Dorothy Dunnett's glittering new saga **Niccolo Rising.** Set in Renaissance Europe against a backdrop of historical drama and international intrigue, populated by a cavalcade of real and imaginary characters, it is a glorious cross between Sally Beauman's *Destiny* and (a continuation of) Froissart's chronicles.

The hero of the book is the charismatic Claes, alias Nicholas, alias Niccolo, who, starting life as a cheeky dyeshop apprentice, charms, connives, and seduces his way into the marriage bed of his mistress, the widowed Marian de Charetty, and into the confidence of the rich and shameless (including the Medicis). He triumphs, gaining hidden control of both friends and enemies. Persecution, rape, double dealing, passion and power combine to make this a riveting and extremely readable book.

● There are hints of a medieval quest in David Hughes' surprisingly moral, yet zany tale, **The Imperial German Dinner Service.** Roland Patcham, a bored out-of-work reporter, discovers the existence of a 1,000-piece Wedgwood dinner service. Created for the Kaiser in 1914, each piece of china is decorated with a picture of an English landmark. But the Wedgwood wonder is scattered throughout Europe. Patcham, in competition with his wife and her eminent lover, determines to track it down.

In his quest, he visits junk shops in Bournemouth, transvestite strip shows in Germany, and deserted huts in Iceland. He meets a cast of extraordinary characters, learns fascinating snippets of history, and discovers evidence of the cosy, rolling England he imagined existed as a child. But it is only later that he comes to realize his search has been about more than old crockery. An interesting tale, at times confusing, but lightly and wryly told.

Sabine Durrant

From poet to person

PAPERBACKS

The Life of John Milton, by A N Wilson (Oxford, £4.95)



True to its tradition of cultural expansionism, Oxford University Press has launched its paperback Oxford Lives series with what seems like a haphazard choice of several acclaimed biographies. For once, however, a publisher's initiative inspired by little more than a desire to promote his imprint is actually welcome, since the books in question happen to be worth reading.

That a student of Milton will be drawn to Peter Fleming, Thomas Hardy or Strindberg* simply because biographies of these writers are now available in OUP paperbacks is unlikely. But certainly A N Wilson's *Life of John Milton,* originally published by OUP in 1983, will continue to attract readers.

Perhaps because most of us encounter Milton (unlike Shakespeare or Goethe) in a stifling and sterile academic environment, this readable, opinionated, sympathetic biography is the intellectual palliative we need to gloss edges of a dreary A-level cliché. The Milton we remember is a poet almost despite his "greatness"; and the passages from *Paradise Lost* or the late sonnets that remain with us in later life shine uncertainly through thick clouds of schoolroom "ideas".

Christianity and Platonism, Cromwell and the Revolution, intellectual freedom and religious doctrine, all these disparate or interconnected threads entangle the essence of a natural genius, effectively obscuring "that one Talent which it is death to hide". For, underneath the agglomerated scholarly wisdom, Milton was, and remains in his best moments, a lyric poet, a truth Mr Wilson's excellent short biography helps to uncover.

To be sure, concerted obfuscation of that truth was begun in Milton's own lifetime by his own pen. Already as a young man, feeling ill at ease in the Bursch world of 1620s Cambridge ("They made sport," he wrote of his fellow students at Christ's, "and I laughed."), he was drawn to the Mediterranean, to the lyrical sophistication of Dante and Petrarch, to Ariosto and Tasso.

He reached Florence as a man of 30 and remained for about a year. Despite the congeniality of Italy's cultural climate, and the chilling prospect of a return to coarseness and obscurity, he came home to London on hearing of the approach of the Civil War. And so it happened that a born lyric poet became "by turns, an anti-episcopal pamphleteer, a short-lived enthusiast for Presbyterianism, a sympathizer with the Independents, a defender of regicide, the Latin Secretary to Cromwell and a Wanted Man at the time of the Restoration", a public figure whose public utterances and private preoccupations have antagonized readers in centuries past.

Drawn into the whirlwind of political activism and religious debate in an England that thrived on schism, Milton begins to lose the Romantic appeal of Thomas Mann's bourgeois heroes and takes on the menacing aspects of a Lunacharsky, if not actually a Goebbels or a Zhdanov. His motivation, as Mr Wilson attempts to prove, is his passionate love of freedom, epitomized in the poet's meeting with the persecuted Galileo; but what politicized hack, before or since, has written out of a love of tyranny?

By the end of his life, when political disillusionment and personal privations raised him "Above the smoke and stir of this dim spot/Which men call earth", Milton could at last be himself. It is as if his blindness, which had by 1652 become almost complete, finally enabled him to develop his gift during the remaining 20-odd years by separating him from the concerns in whose pursuit he had expended much of his life. According to prevalent Royalist opinion, the loss of sight was God's punishment; yet as an end to earthly myopia, it was God's blessing.

This glimpse of the poet's identity is impossible without Mr Wilson's inspired apology, and a poet without an identity is only a famous name. Give or take a handful of immortal lines, this is the abstract Milton we know, and Mr Wilson is to be commended for helping to deliver him from the obscurity of world fame for those amongst us with a genuine interest in English poetry.

Andrei Navrozov

The other books in the series are **Peter Fleming,** by Duff Hart-Davis, £5.95; **Thomas Hardy,** by Michael Millgate, £8.95; and **Strindberg,** by Michael Meyer, £8.95).

NEW PAPERBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

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NON-FICTION

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Not at all original

ROCK RECORDS

Original Soundtrack: The Living Daylights (Warner Bros 925 616-1)
Madonna & Various Artists: Who's That Girl (Sire 925 611-1)
Los Lobos & Various Artists: La Bamba (London LONLP 36)
The James Taylor Quartet: Mission Impossible (Re-Elect the President REAGAN 2).



A-Ha: misleading window dressing

Despite the many hit singles to have come from films in recent years, the quaintly-designated Original Motion Picture Soundtrack album has long been viewed with suspicion. Like many such items, the music from the latest James Bond picture, *The Living Daylights,* makes cynical use of a few mainstream rock songs to justify a raft of atmospheric padding. "If There Was A Man" by The Pretenders and A-Ha's hit recording of the title track, act as misleading window-dressing for John Barry's umpteenth restatement of the blaring 25-year-old Bond theme, this time languishing under titles like "Ice Chase" and "Koskov Escapes".

Even when an artist of such towering popularity as Madonna contributes four new songs to the soundtrack of her own movie, the title track of which has already been No. 1, the results may be disappointing. Witness Who's That Girl, in which the mercurial music of Miss Ciccone at its most formulaic is shored up by pedestrian contributions from Scritti Politti, Coati Mundi and others. All are knocked into a cocked hat by Club Nouveau's splendid funk workout, "Step By Step", an Eighties electro stab at the erstwhile Little Feat groove.

What a pleasure then to be able to recommend the superb soundtrack of La Bamba, the forthcoming film biography of Ritchie Valens, the Chicano star from Los Angeles who died at the age of 17, in the plane crash that also claimed the life of Buddy Holly.

Valens was a hero and role model to the Spanish-speaking members of Los Lobos, who have talked of feeling a "spiritual obligation" to make of this soundtrack. Their eight tracks, including Valens's other hits, "Donna" and "Come On, Let's Go" are lovingly and painstakingly recreated with a naturally-inspired zest, while the record's supporting cast includes Brian Setzer's amphetamined re-run of Eddie Cochran's "Summertime Blues" and Howard Huntsberry's inspired recreation of Jackie Wilson's "Lonely Teardrops".

The **James Taylor Quartet** tackle their favourite TV and film themes with wit and attention to detail. Mission Impossible incorporates such musical touchstones of Sixties junk culture as "Goldfinger" and "Blow Up" and resurrects the Hammond organ sound with eerie precision.

David Sinclair

Winning Whatever

JAZZ RECORDS

Danny Thompson Whatever (Hannibal HNBL 1326)

Danny Thompson's double bass is a familiar sound to fans of such Sixties folk-rockers as Pentangle, John Martyn, the Incredible String Band and Nick Drake; more recently he has ventured into the pop world to lend his talent to the likes of Kate Bush, David Sylvian and Elvis Costello. None of that has given him much of a presence in the jazz world, despite a stint in the Sixties with Tubby Hayes and a longer-term collaboration with John Stevens in recent years.

***Whatever,* Thompson's first album as a leader, should change improve his standing considerably. To his own playing, which typically combines the emotional generosity and melodic imagination of Charles Mingus with the steadiness and depth of Charlie Haden, Thompson adds two musicians who have also been unfairly overlooked: the guitarist Bernie Holland, once a member of Georgie Fame's Blue Flames, and the saxophonist Tony Roberts, who briefly partnered Henry Lowther in an exciting quintet about 15 years ago.**

If you can imagine a cross between the pastoral improvisations of the Jimmy Giuffre Trio of the late Fifties (the group that played the immortal "Train and the River" in *Jazz on a Summer's Day*) and the sort of northern European chamber-jazz that Jan Garbarek records for ECM, then you have a fair idea of what Thompson, Holland and Roberts sound like. Familiar folk themes form the basis of several arrangements, and even the original material — all of it collaboratively composed — has an ancient sound, rooted in Celtic, Moorish and other ethnic modes.

These musicians are virtuosi, and the balance between rusticity and sophistication is beautifully maintained. As did Giuffre, Roberts exploits a multi-instrumental capability (he plays Northumbrian pipes, flute, clarinet and whistle in addition to saxophones of various sizes) to provide textural variety, but the effect is never merely picturesque. Unlike New Age music, with which they might superficially be confused, these pieces go in for development as well as mood; and they always swing.

Thompson is marvellous throughout, nowhere more so than in his brooding solo on "Till Minne Av Jan", played over a light Indian-style drone.

The work of Holland and Roberts will come as a revelation to those hearing them for the first time. The guitarist tops his imaginative ensemble playing with solos of such brilliance that — no exaggeration — you start thinking of Django Reinhardt. Roberts provides many exhilarating passages, notably with his tenor saxophone on the beautiful traditional cadences of "Lovely Joan" and with his flute on the lively "Yucateca", a sort of Peruvian-style minuet.

There has been no shortage of first-quality British jazz records this year, from Stan Tracey, Mike Westbrook, Loose Tubes, Itchy Fingers and others. If I had to recommend just one, though, I have a strong feeling that the modest, unassuming, highly original and utterly charming *Whatever* would win the vote.

Richard Williams

Style over content

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Sculthorpe, Sallinen, Glass, Nancarrow, Hendrix: Quartets. Kronos Quartet. Nonesuch 979 111-1 (black disc, also on *cassette*)
Stravinsky: Pulcinella suite, "Dumbarton Oaks" Concerto, Eight Instrumental Miniatures. Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. DG 419 628-2 (CD, also on *black disc*)

This is a fair sample of the Kronos style: an all-inclusive contemporary repertory performed so smartly that even the weakest pieces sound punchy. Sculthorpe's Eighth Quartet, for instance, rests content with two episodes of Balinese monkey dance interleaved with three of simple lament, but the performance is *persuasively confident. So is* that of Sallinen's Fifth Quartet, which can seem only a loosely linked set of musings on a folk theme.

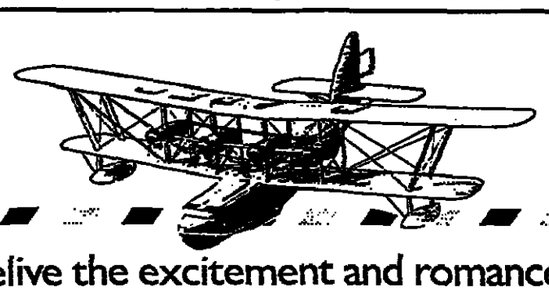
The *American music on the* B side is of itself more impressive. Glass's *Company,* written as incidental music for the Beckett play, is the best of his recent pieces I have heard. Nancarrow's Quartet (1942) is full of canons and rhythmic bendings that look forward to his pianola studies, while suggesting that his fascination with mechanism had its origins in neoclassicism. The *Kronos offers an arrangement* of a Jimi Hendrix number, "Purple Haze": minimalist rock with maximal conviction.

The great success of the *conductorless Orpheus Chamber* Orchestra on record seems to have stimulated Polydor to dig out this Stravinsky programme from 1982, which is unfortunate. The recording is somewhat barbarous, with its spotlit instruments, lack of atmosphere, and immediate switch-offs at movement endings. Nor is the playing as secure as in more recent performances from this group: the violins lose tone at the top, and there is quite a deal of scrambling for position, especially in the *Pulcinella* suite.

This last fault must have a lot to do with performing Stravinsky's orchestral works without a conductor.

The "Dumbarton Oaks" performance is distinguished by virtuosity, and also by sharp or surly elements looking forward to the Symphony in Three Movements. But this *is a disappointing release.*

Paul Griffiths



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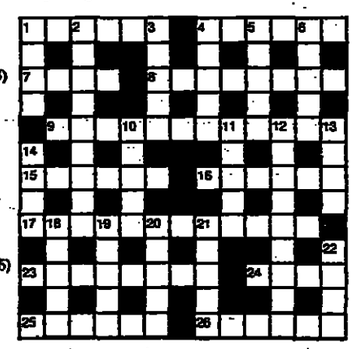
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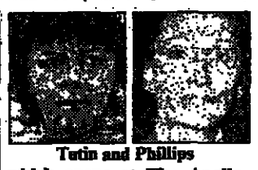
Tenor José Carreras, 41, reportedly suffering from leukemia in Barcelona's Provincial Clinic, has probably lost his chance of being Puccini's Rodolfo on screen. He is expected to leave hospital this week. However, he has already been replaced in the film of *La Bohème* being shot in Paris by Luca Canonici, who will play the lovelorn student opposite Barbara Hendricks's Mimi. Filmgoers will hear Carreras because the soundtrack was recorded before his illness.

"There is an incredible investment involved and film companies can't hang around waiting for someone to get well," said the singer's general manager, philosophically.

Carreras's illness has already meant the cancellation of the world premiere of *Christopher Columbus,* a new opera by Lleonard Balada, but Covent Garden hopes he'll be well enough to sing Andrea Chenier in London in May.

Women's work

Meaty stage roles for women "of a certain age" are notoriously thin on the ground. So when the French actress Loleh Bellon turned playwright, she seized the chance of righting the balance. All three characters in *Thursday's Ladies,*



Tutin and Phillips

which opens at The Apollo, Shaftsbury Avenue, on September 9, are women, "old friends" who relive their pasts. They'll be played by *grandes dames* Dorothy Tutin, Eileen Atkins and Sian Phillips.

● *Glasnost grows apace: while the Kirov Opera sing up a storm at the Royal Opera House and bright young bloods of the Bolshoi Ballet Academy cavort across the Coliseum stage, there comes news of more Soviet defrosting. Moscow Classical Ballet will be touring Britain next year in a joint British-Soviet co-production of* Swan Lake *presented by The Entertainment Corporation — which managed the other two tours. According to Peter Brightman of the Entertainment Corporation, this is the first time British money has ever gone into a Soviet production.*

Keeping company

It's not the first time that the Royal Insurance company has come to the aid of the Royal Shakespeare Company. The firm, which has just stumped up a three-year sponsorship of £1.1 million to help bail the RSC out of its £1 million-plus deficit, coughed up on the insurance claim when the original Stratford Theatre went up in smoke in 1926.

● **The National Gallery is inviting heated debate in its current evening lectures. Dissenting views of Tiepolo's "Allegory With Venus And Time" will come from the gallery's resident lecturer, Colin Wiggins, and curator Michael Helston on Wednesday. And the audience is invited to participate.**

Angela Wilkes

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THE WEEK AHEAD



DANCE

FLEET OF FOOT: Lynn Seymour returns to ballet as choreographer with *Wolfi*, a creation for Ballet Rambert based on Mozart's life. The music is the piano concerto in C major, K467, and Andrew Logan is the designer. Opens Tuesday, with performances the rest of week. Other programmes include Alston's *Pulcinella* and *Strong Language* and works by Christopher Bruce, Michael Clark, Siobhan Davies and Mary Evelyn. The Big Top, Battersea Park. Advance booking at Royal Opera House (01-240 1066).



BOOKS

COMIC LICENCE: Russell Hoban, an illustrator of comics, has a world picture in which fantasy is indistinguishable from reality. In his latest, *The Medusa Frequency*, the narrator, who also happens to be an illustrator, has conversations on his word processor with the Kraken, Eurydice, Vermeer's portrait of the girl in the blue and yellow headscarf, and his girlfriend. Dream and memory, the mythical and the paranormal all invade everyday life. Jonathan Cape, £10.95, published August 13.



GALLERIES

NORTHERN LIGHTS: Sam Ainsley is a textile artist whose six banners depicting stylized warrior women are currently decorating the neo-classical portico of Scotland's premier modern art gallery. Ainsley is among 17 artists, including painter Steven Campbell, sculptor David Mach and photographer Calum Colvin, selected to illustrate an apparent renaissance in the Scottish visual arts. *The Vigorous Imagination* is at the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh (031 556 8921). From tomorrow.



CONCERTS

HIGHLAND FLING: Mark Ermler conducts the orchestra of the Bolshoi Theatre, Moscow, in the opening concert of the Edinburgh Festival at the Usher Hall. Mussorgsky's stark *Songs And Dances of Death* are sung by Irina Arkhipova, and this performance is framed by a suite from Rimsky-Korsakov's *The Legend of the Invisible City of Kitizh* and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 5. Ermler joined the Bolshoi in 1956. Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031 228 1155, cc 031 225 5756).



FILMS

BLIND DATE: Kim Basinger, of *9½ Weeks* fame, takes the title role in *Blind Date* (15), a rattling slapstick comedy from the prolific Blake Edwards. She plays Nadia, a distant relation on a blind date with Bruce Willis, a financial analyst in need of a date for a company function. After two sips of champagne she becomes wildly drunk and wrecks not only the restaurant but also her date's career. With John Larroquette as Basinger's psychotic, spurned boyfriend. Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252), from Friday.



THEATRE

DEBUTANTE: Ruth Madoc, popular television comedienne and character actress, makes her West End musical debut in *Bless The Bride*, which previews today and Monday and opens on Tuesday at Sadler's Wells. She plays an actress, mistress to the young Frenchman who carries off *an English girl to France in the* midst of the Franco-Prussian war. A mildly satirical view of Victorian family life and the English abroad. Sadler's Wells (01-278 8916). Previews today, Monday. Opens Tuesday. Until September 26.

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

August 9-31. Festival Ticket Office, 21 Market Square (031 225 5756) for credit sales and reservations for all Festival shows.

● **THEATRE: The History of a Horse:** Gorky Theatre of Leningrad in Rozovsky's *dramatization of a Tolstoy* story about a great horse. In Russian with simultaneous translation. King's Theatre. Sun, Mon, Aug 15. In repertory with Uncle Vanya.

Juno and the Paycock: Gate Theatre, Dublin, in Sean O'Casey's classic. Royal Lyceum. Opens Mon. Until Aug 15.

Uncle Vanya: Gorky Theatre of Leningrad in the Chekhov tragi-comedy. Two performances, "in repertory" with *The History of a Horse*. King's Theatre. Wed and Thurs.

Mary Stuart: Frank Dunlop directs Friedrich Schiller's historical drama. In translation by Joseph Mellish, friend of Schiller. Edinburgh Festival/Scottish Theatre Company production. *Assembly Hall.* Opens Mon. Until Aug 29.

A Wholly Healthy Glasgow: Royal Exchange Theatre Company from Manchester in health club comedy. Church Hill Theatre. Opens Mon. Until Aug 22.

● **FILM FESTIVAL:** The 41st season begins tonight with *Angel Heart*, Alan Parker's mystery thriller about a small-time detective. Other highlights of the first week: Greenaway's *The Belly of an Architect* (Wed), and recent Soviet films, including the compelling nuclear holocaust drama *Letters from a Dead Man* (Sun). Filmhouse, 88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh EH3 (031-228 2688).

● **DANCE: Siverko:** Russian folk dance company from Archangel take part in Edinburgh Festival. Playhouse, Edinburgh (Festival Box Office, 031 225 5756). Sun to Tues.

● **GALLERIES: David Salle:** First in-depth British showing for the young American figurative painter. The Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh (031-225 2383). From today.

The Rigorous Imagination: Abstract painting by seven artists. Graeme Murray Gallery, Edinburgh (031-556 6020). From today.

Tbilisi To Tashkent: Decorative art, costumes, metalwork, and ceramics from the central Asian lands along the silk route. Royal Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh (031-225 7534). From Sunday.

● **OPERA: The Magic Flute:** A return visit by the Folkopera of Stockholm. If last year's *Aida* was anything to go by, it should be quite an evening. Performances on Tues, Wed and Fri, and Sat, Aug 15 at 7.30pm and on Thurs at 4pm. Leith Theatre, Edinburgh (031-225-5756)

● **FRINGE:** August 9-29. All bookings through Fringe Office, 170 High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1QS (031 226 5257/5259). Send 37p stamp to *get Fringe Programme* detailing shows of more than 450 companies.

● **ROCK: The Panic Brothers:** The duo combines a wry, modern lyrical commentary with the smoothest of Everly Brothers' harmonies. Nightly until 15 August Studio Theatre, Gilded Balloon, Edinburgh (031 226 2151).

THEATRE

LONDON

THE ART OF SUCCESS: Adrian Noble directs Nick Dear's comedy in a speculative piece about 18th-century artist William Hogarth. The Pit (01-638 8891). From Wed. In repertory.

FAMILY PLANNING: Parc and Dare Theatre Company from Treorchy, Rhondda, makes its annual London visit with a comedy by "resident" playwright, Frank Vickery. Fortune (01-836 2238). Sun at 7.30pm.

THE GREAT WHITE HOPE: Nicholas Kent revives for the RSC his 1985 award-winning production of Howard Sackler's play about the first black heavyweight boxing champion of the world, Jack Johnson. Mermaid (01-236 5568). Previews Thurs, Fri, Aug 15, 17, 18. Opens Aug 19. In repertory.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM: RSC Stratford production transfers, directed by Bill Alexander. Barbican (01-638 8891). Previews Thurs, Fri, Aug 15, 17. Opens Aug 18. In repertory.

MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL: This Hawksmoor church provides a fine setting for the National Youth Theatre production, directed by Edward Wilson, of the T S Eliot drama. Music by Geoffrey Burgon. Christ Church, Spitalfields, London E1 (01-242 7040). Opens Thurs. Until Sept 4.

CONCERTS

WORDSWORTH/SHELLEY: Barry Wordsworth conducts the BBC Concert Orchestra in *excerpts from Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin*, the complete Poulenc ballet *Les Biches* and Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 2 with soloist Howard Shelley Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212, cc 01-589 9465). Today, 7.30pm.

ROZHDESTVENSKY PHILHARMONIA: *Schubert's Rosamunde* Overture, Berlioz's *Symphonie fantastique* are heard from the Philharmonia Orchestra under Gennadi Rozhdestvensky. Rudolf Buchbinder solos in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 3. Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891). Today, 7.45pm.

FIREWORK MUSIC: Simon Wright conducts the Philharmonia Brass Ensemble in Handel's *Music for the Royal Fireworks*, accompanied by fireworks. Barbican Centre, Lakeside Terrace. Today, 10.45pm.

ALL WAGNER: The English National Opera Chorus, Orchestra and soloists are conducted by Sir Reginald Goodall in Act III of *Parsifal*. Royal Albert Hall. Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

FANTASTIC BERLIOZ: The Oslo Philharmonic is conducted by Mariss Yansons in Berlioz's *Symphonie fantastique* and excerpts from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*. *Albert Hall. Tues, 7.30pm.*

RACHMANINOV'S BELLS: Cho-Liang Lin solos in Sibelius's Violin Concerto with the BBC SO. Mark Elder conducts The Ritual Dances from Tippett's *Midsummer Marriage*; the London Philharmonic Choir sing Rachmaninov's choral symphony *The Bells*. Albert Hall. Thurs, 7.30pm.

FILMS

THE MAN FROM MAJORCA (15): The Swedish judicial system comes under attack in this tense thriller from Bo Widerberg, director of *Elvira Madigan*. Cannon Premiere. Swiss Centre (01-439 4770), from Fri.

PEE-WEE'S BIG ADVENTURE (U): Pee-Wee is a child in an adult's body, in pursuit of his lost bicycle. With comic Paul Reubens as the questing hero. (1985) Screen on the Green (01-226 3520), Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310), from Fri.

HORSE THIEF: A Tibetan tribesman pays a severe penalty when forced by poverty to steal religious offerings. ICA Cinema (01-930 3647), from Fri.

DANCE

LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET: Last week of their London season. *Coppelia* has two performances today, then Frederick Ashton's richly poetic *Romeo and Juliet* returns Mon till August 15. Royal Festival Hall (01-928 3191).

BOLSHOI BALLET ACADEMY: The famous Moscow school completes its Manchester run today, then moves to Southampton for two weeks starting Tues. Palace Theatre, Manchester (061 236 9922); Mayflower Theatre, Southampton (0703 229771).

FILMS ON TV

BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT: Fritz Lang's last American film, an ironic thriller in which Dana Andrews plays *games with the law and finds* himself convicted of murder. Joan Fontaine is the fiancée *fighting to prove his innocence.* BBC2, Tues, 9-10.20pm.

THE HISTORY OF MR POLLY: John Mills in a likeable adaptation of the H G Wells story about a put-upon draper who decides to leave his nagging wife and find true happiness. (1948) Channel 4, Thurs, 5-6.45pm.



● **Marlon Brando as the patriarch of the Corleone family in Francis Ford Coppola's every-day story of gangster folk, *The Godfather*. The original 1974 film and its sequel have been spliced together and made into a five-part television series which opens in Sicily at the turn of the century. Al Pacino, James Caan and Robert De Niro join Brando in a heavy-weight cast. BBC1, Monday, 10.10-11.45pm; continues on Wednesday and Thursday.**

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Tonight, the last night of the Kirov's visit, a final performance of *Boris Godunov* at 6.30pm. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL OPERA: Tonight, Wed and Fri at 4.40pm, Trevor Nunn's highly acclaimed production of *Porgy and Bess*, conducted by Richard Bradshaw. Tomorrow at 5.50pm the final performance this year of Strauss's *Capriccio*, with Felicity Lott and Olaf Baer. On Mon, Tues and Thurs at 6.30pm, Frank Corsaro's delightful double-bill of Ravel's *L'Heure espagnole and L'Enfant et les sortilèges*, conducted by Simon Rattle. Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111).

OPERA FACTORY: Tonight at 7.15pm a preview performance of *Iphigenias*; devised by Opera Factory/ London Sinfonietta by compressing Gluck's two Iphigenia operas into a single evening. Further performances on Mon, Wed and Fri. They also offer *Adventures*. On Tues, Thurs and next Sat, a music-theatre triple bill of *Eight Songs for a Mad King*, by Peter Maxwell Davies, *Adventures* by Ligeti and *Mahagonny Songspiel* by Weill. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191).

PAVILION OPERA: *Don Pasquale* on Tues and *Magic Flute* on Wed at 7pm in a marquee abutting the house. Chatel Herault, near Hamilton, Scotland (0475 521226).

WALKS

THE LONDON OF DICKENS AND SHAKESPEARE: meet Monument tube today, 11am, £2.50.

CAMDEN MURALS AND MARKET: meet Kentish Town tube today, 9.30am, £2.25.

HIDDEN CURIOS AND COURTYARDS OF OLD LONDON: meet St Paul's tube today, 11am, £2.50.

THE CHARM OF CHELSEA: meet Sloane Square tube tomorrow, 11am, £2.25.

BELGRAVIA — "UPSTAIRS AND DOWNSTAIRS": meet Sloane Square tube tomorrow, 2pm, £2.25.

RADIO

ON THE CORNER: A portrait of the soapbox orators at Speaker's Corner in Hyde Park, London, whose Sunday afternoon tirades have become a national institution. Radio 4, tomorrow, 3.30-4pm.

RUTHLESS ADVENTURE: A profile by Margaret Percy of L Ron Hubbard, experimental scientist, best-selling writer of science fiction and founder of the Church of Scientology. Radio 4, Tues, 7.20-8pm.

FROM RAJ TO RAJIV: Series by the BBC Delhi correspondent Mark Tully which looks back over 40 years of Indian independence. In the first programme he recalls the first Prime Minister, Nehru. Radio 4, Wed, 11-11.47am.



● **England cricket tours have not been the same since Frances Edmonds (above) started writing books about them. No player has been safe from her funny, forthright and often waspish comments, not even her husband Phil, the Middlesex and England spinner. In *Desert Island Discs* she talks about the male world of cricket and her career as an interpreter and picks her eight favourite records. Radio 4, tomorrow, 12.15-12.55pm.**

JAZZ

ARTURO SANDOVAL: Virtuoso Cuban trumpeter and his band. Tonight and Mon-Fri, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747).

NATHAN DAVIS: Re-discovered US tenorist leads a fine quintet featuring Dusko Goykovitch (trumpet) and the veteran Kenny Drew (piano). Mon, 100 Club, 100 Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 0933). Wed/Thurs, Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476).

JAZZ WARRIORS: Featuring three outstanding soloists this 21-piece band celebrates the release of its first album. Fri, 100 Club, 100 Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 0933).

ROCK

KASUKO HOHKI CHANTE BRIGITTE BARDOT: A seven-piece orchestra, assembled by the Frank Chickens singer Kasuko Hohki and the pianist Steve Beresford, plays a selection of songs recorded by Brigitte Bardot. Accompanied by screenings of odd Bardot clips. Tonight and tomorrow, ICA, London SW1 (01-930 0493).

EVERYTHING BUT THE GIRL: The first of three Sunday sessions this month at which Ben Watt and Tracey Thorn preview material from their forthcoming album. Tomorrow, Ronnie Scott's, London W1 (01-439 0747).

FAIRPORT CONVENTION: Celebrating their 20th anniversary with three "public rehearsals" before their eighth annual Cropredy show next weekend. Mon, Tues and Wed, Half Moon, Putney, London SW15 (01-788 2387).

GALLERIES

IT'S QUICKER BY RAIL: Railway posters from 1895 to the present. Harris Museum and Art Gallery, Preston (0772-58248). From today.

BILL TIDY: Cartoons by the funny Scouser who invented The Cloggies. Camden Arts Centre, London NW3 (01-435 2643). From Sunday.

PHOTOGRAPHY

ANSEL ADAMS: These American wilderness prints are the late work of the master landscape photographer. National Centre of Photography, The Octagon, Milsom Street, Bath (0225 62841). Exhibition runs from today to Sept 26.

TELEVISION

STAND UP NIGEL BARTON: The superb Dennis Potter restrospective continues with his 1965 play about a working class scholarship boy pulling up his roots. BBC1, Tues, 9.30-10.45pm.

OUR LADY BLUE: Heidi Thomas's drama in the *ScreenPlay* series charts the unlikely friendship in a Liverpool convent between a dying prostitute and two young acquaintances. BBC2, Wed, 9.25-10.25pm.

SOUNDS OF SURPRISE: Portrait of the jazz musician and drummer Charlie Mingus. Channel 4, Tues, 10.50pm-12.30am.

MAHARAJAS: A two-part study of the Indian princes, who have long since lost their power but still struggle to retain their trappings. BBC2, Thurs and Fri, 9.30-10.20pm.

BOOKINGS

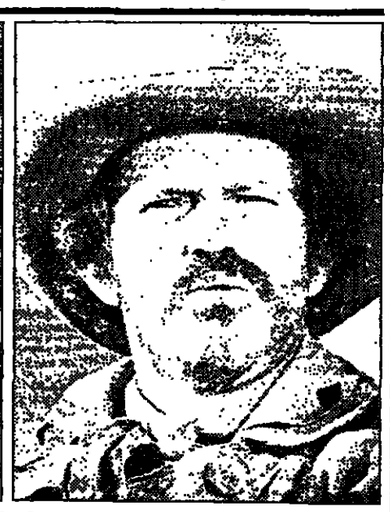
FIRST CHANCE

ROYAL EXCHANGE THEATRE: First major British production of Schiller's *Don Carlos*; Ibsen's *A Doll's House*; Joe Orton's *Loot* to mark 20th anniversary of his death; and Pinero's rarely performed comedy *The Cabinet Minister*. Sept 10-Jan 23. Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square, Manchester 2. (061 833 9833).

BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT: Jeffrey Archer's first stage play, a courtroom drama. Opens in London, Sept 22. Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1. (01-734 1166).

Theatre: Tony Patrick: Films: Geoff Brown: Concerts: Max Harrison: Opera: Hilary Finch: Rock: David Sinclair: Jazz: Richard Williams: Dance: John Percival: Galleries: David Lee: Walks: Greta Carslaw: Television, Radio and Films on TV: Peter Waymark: Photography: Michael Young: Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.





Rough but ready: Warren Oates in Dillinger takes Billie for a Sunday spin in the new coupé; right, in The Hired Hand

The charisma of wild Oates

The recent demise of the Hollywood "heavy" is a topic worth a short monograph from someone. Hefty, battered men such as Robert Mitchum or Lee Marvin would graduate through the ranks from playing villains and supports to final stardom, and roles which were at least notionally heroic. Warren Oates (currently celebrated in a short season at the NFT) trod this route, while never exactly coming from the heroic mould.

A small man, his characteristic stance would be shuffling one foot in the dust, squinting sideways at the sky, scratching his unshaven chin and breathing whisky fumes through a hedge of splintered teeth. His grin would stop a runaway horse and cause bank tellers in the movies to reach for the alarm button.

He had the asthetic reek of low life about him; and yet, paradoxically, no one could carry a film better by the simple art of standing in the centre of the frame and doing nothing except think. Characteristically, he had his own measure: "Everyone thinks I'm a hero. But I'm not. John Wayne is a hero. I'm just a little s..t."

There were three directors who were central to his life. Leslie Stevens who gave him his first lead role in *Private Property* (1960), Sam Peckinpah who made him one of his stock company and later elevated him to leading actor and Monte Hellman, the maverick from the Roger Corman stable of fast cheap movie making, who used Oates to most original effect.

Sam Peckinpah made him one of one of The Wild Bunch (1969), and he swaggered to his doom down a dusty Mexican street with his shirt tail hanging out. But Peckinpah's shrewdest move was to make Oates the scruffy little adventurer in the weird slice of American Gothic *Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia* (1974), in which Oates is the pianist in a cheap Mexico City bar who cannot quite keep his clip-on bow tie straight.

A taste for experimentation took Oates to Monte Hellman, who cast him as Gashade and Coigne, twin brothers, the one hunting the other, in his existential Western *The Shooting* (1965). The NFT's booklet calls it "*Marienbad* on horseback", which is apt but suggests a pretentiousness which in fact the movie skilfully avoids.

Even better was his *Two Lane Blacktop* (1971), in which two bleached-out hot rodders, James Taylor and Dennis Wilson, have nothing to do and nowhere to go with their '55 Chevy, and so challenge Oates to a race across America. Oates is a little man with a big car, and a penchant for inventing his own history as he goes along.

His friend Harry Dean Stanton, an actor with whom he shared much in common, tells a wonderful story of Oates's funeral which was held at Forest Lawn. The preacher failed to show up, and so after some minutes of embarrassed waiting, Oates's wife finally suggested that each of the many guests relate a memory of the man.

Harry Dean was first on his feet with a remembrance of *92 in the Shade*, one of the many films in which they appeared together. When they had each had their say, the mourners burst into a spontaneous round of applause. It must be every actor's dream: a standing ovation for your lifetime's work. And I doubt that Forest Lawn has ever seen a more righteous send-off.

Chris Peachment

The NFT season begins August 10 and continues until August 29.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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SATURDAY

BBC1 **WALES** 5.25-5.30pm Sports News Wales 1.15-1.20am Weather **SCOTLAND** 10.55-5.05pm *Grandstand (including* Bowls — Dewars Scottish Bowling Association National Championships) 5.25-5.30 News and Sport **NORTHERN IRELAND** 5.30-5.35pm News and Sport 1.15-1.20am Headlines and Weather. **ENGLAND** 5.25pm-5.30 South and East (London) — Sport. South and West (Plymouth) — Spotlight News and Sport. All other English regions — Regional News and Sport.

ANGLIA As London except 12.25am Signs of the Saint, followed by Closedown.

BORDER As London except 1.00am Border Weather, followed by Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except 1.00am Prisoner Cell Block H 1.55 Film: Aces High 4.10 Central News, followed by Central Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except 12.55am Tina Turner at Devil's Lake 1.55 Weather, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except 12.40am Film: Half a Sixpence 3.25 Cartoon 3.30-5.00 Alloa Scottish Professional Golf Championships 12.55am Reflections. Closedown.

GRANADA As London except 11.30am-12.00 America's Top Ten 6.45pm 5 Alive 7.15-7.45 Kate & Ted's Show 12.55am Police Woman 1.50 Worlds Beyond 2.20 America's Top Ten 2.50 Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except 12.55am Weather and Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except No variation.

SCOTTISH As London except 12.40pm Small Wonder 1.10 Film: Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines 3.30-5.00 Alloa Scottish Professional Golf Championship 1.00am Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except 12.55am Postscript 1.01 Closedown.

TVS As London except 1.00am Tina Turner at Devil's Lake 2.00 Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except 1.00 Epilogue 1.10 Closedown.

ULSTER As London except 10.30pm International Showjumping — The Dublin Horseshow 11.00 Film: Winterhawk 12.30am Sports Results 12.35 News, Closedown

YORKSHIRE As London except 1.00am Film: Torture Garden 2.40 Jobfinder 3.40 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 1.15pm Symphony 11.45 What the Papers Say 12.00 Six Centuries of Verse 12.30 Space Craft 1.00 Film: Funny Face 3.00 Racing 5.00 Struggles for Poland 6.00 World of Animation 6.20 The Dragon Has Two Tongues 6.50 Newyddion 7.00 Eisteddfod 12.30am Closedown.

SUNDAY

BBC1 **WALES** 1.05-2.00pm The Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales 12.30-12.35am News and weather **SCOTLAND** 12.30-12.35am News and weather **NORTHERN IRELAND** 12.30-12.35am News and weather.

ANGLIA As London except 9.25am Cartoon 9.30-11.00 Film: Professor Poopsnagle's Steam Zeppelin 1.00pm Anything Goes 1.25 Weather 1.30 Farming Diary 2.00 Shakespeare's Country 2.30-4.30 Breakfast at Tiffany's 12.30am Ghana Revisited, Closedown

BORDER As London except 9.25am Border Diary 9.30-11.00 Professor Poopsnagle's Steam Zeppelin 1.00pm-1.30 Farming Outlook 2.00 Revelations 2.30 *Turning the Tide* 3.00 Shadow of Stone 3.30-6.30 Scotsport Summer Special 12.30am Closedown

CENTRAL As London except 9.25am Max the Mouse 9.30-11.00 Professor Poopsnagle's Steam Zeppelin 1.00pm Getting On 1.30 Care Bears 2.00 Mad Dog Gang 2.30-4.40 Film: They Who Dare 9.05-10.00 Murder, She Wrote 12.30am Prisoner Cell Block H 1.25 Donahue 2.25 Moviemakers 2.55 Jobfinder

CHANNEL As London except 9.25am Starting Point 9.30-11.00 Professor Poopsnagle's Steam Zeppelin 1.00pm Getting On 1.30 Les Français Chez-Vous 2.00 Shakespeare's Country 2.30-4.30 Film: Biggest Bank Robbery 12.30am Closedown

GRAMPIAN As London except 9.25am Crystal Tipps 9.30 Film: Professor Poopsnagle's Steam Zeppelin 11.00 The Year Was 11.30-12.00 Country Ways 1.00pm Farming Outlook 1.30 Grampian Television Invitation Bowling Tournament 2.30 Turning the Tide 3.00 Shadow of the Stone 3.30-6.30 Scotsport 7.45 Bolshoi Theatre Orchestra 9.00 Watching 9.30 News 9.45 Wolf to the Slaughter 10.45 Jimmy Young Television Programme 11.30 Silk Road 12.30am Reflections, Closedown

GRANADA As London except 9.25am Crystal Tipps and Alistair 9.30-11.00 Professor Poopsnagle's Steam Zeppelin 1.00pm Members Only 1.05 Aap Kaa Hak 1.10 Turning the Tide 1.40 This *is Your Right* 2.00 Shakespeare's Country 2.30-4.30 Film: Spy Who Came In From The Cold 5.00-5.30 Survival 12.30am What the European Papers Say 12.40 Closedown

HTV WEST As London except 9.25am Max the Mouse 9.30-11.00 Professor Poopsnagle's Steam Zeppelin 1.00pm-1.30 West Country Farming 2.00-4.30 Film: Escape From the Planet of the Apes 9.05-10.00 Murder, She Wrote 12.30am Closedown

HTV WALES As HTV West except Wales variations

SCOTTISH As London except 9.25am Gagamana 11.00 Terrahawks 11.30-12.00 Farming Outlook 1.00pm Silk Road 2.00 Adventurer 2.30 Turning the Tide 3.00 Shadow of the Stone 3.30-6.30 Scotsport Summer Special 7.45 Bolshoi from Edinburgh 9.00 Watching 9.30 News 9.45 Wolf to the Slaughter 10.45 Jimmy Young Television Programme 11.30 Late Call 11.35 Bowls 12.35am Closedown

TSW As London except 9.25am Look and See 9.30-11.00 Professor Poopsnagle's Steam Zeppelin 1.00pm South West Week 1.30 Farming News 2.00 Shakespeare's Country 2.30 Film: Breakdance 4.00 Turning the Tide 4.30 Gardens for All 5.00-5.30 Shadow of the Stone 12.30am Postscript, Closedown

TVS As London except 9.25am Victor and Maria 9.30-11.00 Professor Poopsnagle's Steam Zeppelin 1.00pm Getting On 1.30 Struggle Beneath the Sea 2.00 Shakespeare's Country 2.30-4.30 Film: Biggest Bank Robbery 12.30am Company, Closedown

TYNE TEES As London except 9.25am Hello Sunday 9.30-11.00 Professor Poopsnagle's Steam Zeppelin 1.00pm Farming Outlook 1.30 Face the Press 2.00 The Man Who Wanted to Change the World 2.30-4.30 Film: City for Conquest 12.30am Epilogue, Closedown

ULSTER As London except 9.25am Cartoon 9.30-11.00 Professor Poopsnagle's Steam Zeppelin 2.00pm Suffering in Faith 2.45-4.30 Film: Crash Drive 12.30am Sports Results 12.30 News, Closedown

YORKSHIRE As London except Cartoon 9.30 Care Bears 10.00 Peppino 10.30-11.00 Fireball XL5 1.00pm Getting On 1.25 Farming Diary 2.00 Terrahawks 2.30-4.30 Film: 4 for Texas 5.00-5.30 9 to 5 12.30am Five Minutes 12.35 Jobfinder 1.35 Closedown

S4C Starts: 10.00am Bandung File 11.00 Waltons 12.00 Network 7 2.00 Film: Benny Goodman Story 4.00 Fate of the Language 5.00 Equinox 6.00 Skate Electric 7.00 Challenge to Sport 7.20 Newyddion 7.30 Ymryson y Beirdd 8.30 Eisteddfod 10.15 American Bowl 12.15am Closedown

SATURDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO SUNDAY

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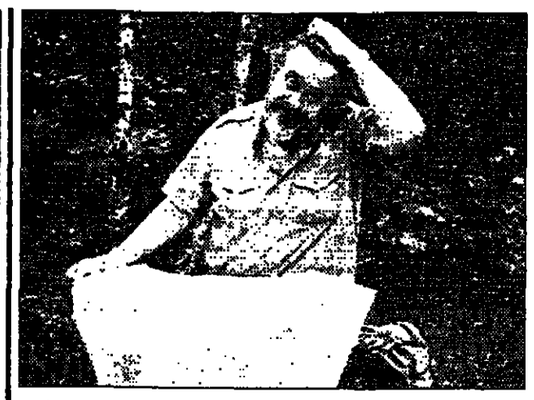
CHOICE

● Every time the magazine *Sight and Sound* asks critics to nominate their 10 best films, *Citizen Kane* (BBC2, 8.35pm) comes out top. The only argument is whether *Citizen Kane* is the best film ever made or one of the best. At the time (1940), the director and star, Orson Welles, was only 25 and apart from an amateur short, he had not made a film. It was very much because of Welles's youth and inexperience plus the indulgence (later regretted) of the RKO studio, that *Citizen Kane* came out as it did. Nearly half a century later, the film still vibrates with the uninhibited exuberance of a film-maker who had not yet learnt to compromise. In almost every sequence Welles either tried something new, or put old techniques to fresh use. He overlapped dialogue, photographed ceilings and cut audaciously across time. But the richness of the film lies ultimately in its many viewpoints as acquaintances of the deceased newspaper magnate Charles Foster Kane help a reporter piece together his life and reveal the enigma of his dying word, "Rosebud". And always at the heart of the movie is the menacing charm of Welles himself.

Peter Waymark



Orson Welles, director, producer, part-writer and star of Citizen Kane (Movie Greats, on BBC2, 8.35pm)



Cycling globetrotter Tom Vernon goes pedalling across Scandinavia in Fat Man Goes Norse (C4, 7.15pm)

CHOICE

● Tom Vernon places his ample 19-stone frame on the saddle and sets off to cycle all the way from Norway to the Russian border in **Fat Man Goes Norse** (Channel 4, 7.15pm). Vernon has done this sort of thing so well on radio that the pictures seem almost superfluous, as well as emphasizing that this apparently lone figure traversing the Scandinavian landscape is never more than a few feet away from a camera crew. In the event, the images are striking enough to justify the exercise. The key to Vernon's success as a travelling cyclist is the artifice that conceals artifice, so that although in a sense everything is set up, he gives the impression of just ambling along and taking what turns up. He presents a travelogue that avoids the clichés. In Stavanger, he chats amiably to the locals about the Viking warrior tradition, goes round a sardine factory and hears the British national anthem played on Constitution Day. He moves on to Bergen where a resistance hero reveals his wartime hideout. An hour, rather than Vernon's radio length of 30 minutes, may be a shade long, but once the viewer gets tuned in to it, his affably relaxed style slips down easily enough.

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BBC1

6.45 Open University. **8.30** The Family Ness (r). **8.35** Bogtanian and the Three Muskebounds (r). **9.00** It's Wicked! at Scalby Mills, Scarborough. Among the guests are Duncan Goodhew, Jimmy Cricket and Tessa Sanderson. **10.32** Weather. **10.35** Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **11.00, 1.40, 2.20, 2.50, 3.20** and **4.00** Cricket: the third day's play in the fifth Test Match between England and Pakistan at the Oval; **1.05** News; **1.10** Rallying: the British Midland Ulster Rally; **1.10, 3.40** and **4.40** Karting: the 1987 British Kart Grand Prix; **2.20, 2.40** and **3.10** Racing from Haydock. **3.55** Cartoon. Lonesome Stranger. **5.15** News with Debbie Thrower. Weather. **5.25** Sport/ Regional news. **5.30** The Krankies' Elektronik Komik. The guests include The Great Soprendo and Nick Kamen. **5.55** Rolf Harris Cartoon Time (r). **6.30** Film: Carry On Cowboy (1965) starring Sid James, Kenneth Williams and Joan Sims. Stodge City is a peaceful place until the notorious gunslinger, the Rumpo Kid, arrives in town. Directed by Gerald Thomas. (Ceefax) **8.00** Seaside Special 87 introduced from Jersey by Mike Smith. Tonight's host is Val Doonican and among his guests are Ben E King and the Wytchwoods. **8.50** Bluebell. Episode five and Bluebell and Marcel marry (r). (Ceefax) **9.45** News and Sport. With Debbie Thrower. Weather. **10.00** Miami Vice. Crockett and Tubbs join forces with an Interpol agent on the trail of an international assassin. Starring Don Johnson, Philip Michael Thomas and Lisa Eichhorn. (Ceefax) **10.45** Monty Python's Flying Circus (r). **11.15** International Golf. The US PGA Championship from the PGA National Golf Club, Florida. **12.45** Cricket: Fifth Test. Highlights of the third day's play introduced by Richie Benaud. **1.15** Weather.

BBC2

6.50 Open University. **2.20** Network East presented by Valerie Vaz and Samantha Meah. How will the Government's proposed poll tax affect Asians living in extended families? Plus, music from Gurdas Maan, and the regular Video Top Ten. **3.00** No Limits. Rock show from Newquay (r). **4.00** The City. A documentary condemning the onrush of "civilization" in America's overcrowded cities. With music by Aaron Copland. **4.40** Cricket: Fifth Test. The closing session of the third day's play in the game at the Oval between England and Pakistan. The commentators are Richie Benaud and Ray Illingworth with summaries by Tom Graveney and Jack Bannister. **6.15** Come Home Julie. A *40 Minutes* documentary following the efforts of foster parents to welcome back the young girl who was snatched from them a decade earlier at the age of eight and smuggled to Ghana (r). (Ceefax) **6.15** Discovering Portuguese. Part four of the series on the language and the people (r). **7.20** NewsView. Debbie Thrower with today's news and sport; Moira Stuart reviews the week's news in pictures with subtitles. Weather. **8.00** Dennis O'Neill. The Welsh tenor sings his favourite songs. With Elizabeth Gale (soprano), the Cory Band and the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra, leader Barry Haskey, conducted by Andrew Greenwood. **8.35** Film: Citizen Kane (1941, b/w) (see Choice) **10.30** On Stage. Glyn Worsnip learns about treading the boards from Joyce Blair, Patrick Cargill, Francis Matthews and Richard Pascoe. **10.55** Film: Blood from the Mummy's Tomb (1971) starring Andrew Keir and Valerie Leon. A Hammer horror about an archaeological expedition that unearths the tomb of an Egyptian queen with horrifying consequences. With Hugh Burden. Directed by Seth Holt. Ends at **12.30.**

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6.55 TV-am introduced by *Gary Champion includes* weather at **6.58** and news at **7.00.** **7.30** The Wide Awake Club presented by Tommy Boyd and Michaela Strachan. **9.25** Get Fresh at the Northumberland Scout and Guide Camp, Gosforth Park. **11.30** The Roxy. Pop music programme (r). **12.00** News with Fiona Armstrong **12.05** Wrestling from De Montford Hall, Leicester. **12.40** Film: The Wooden Horse (1950, b/w) starring Leo Genn and Anthony Steel. Second World War prisoner-of-war escape story, *based on fact.* Directed by Jack Lee. Followed by Autumn Preview. **2.30** Football. The Football League versus the Rest of the World, live from Wembley. **5.00** News. **5.05** Walt Disney Presents. Two cartoons. **5.15** Champion Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game presented by Bob Holness. **6.00** Cue Gary! The last in the comedy series. (Oracle) **6.45** Kate and Ted's Show. Comedy impressions by Kate and Ted Robbins. **7.15** 5 Alive. Comedy sketches. **7.45** Family Fortunes. Game show presented by Les Dennis. **8.15** Summertime Special introduced by Jim Davidson. Among the guests are Grace Kennedy, Wayne Sleep and Hazel O'Connor. **9.15** News with Fiona Armstrong. **9.30** Bulman. The eccentric investigator helps a top civil servant who has lost his briefcase containing important documents. (Oracle) Followed by Autumn Preview. **10.35** LWT News headlines followed by Film: Brubaker (1980) starring Robert Redford as a crusading prison governor determined to clean up the corruption at his Wakefield Prison Farm. Directed by Stuart Rosenberg. **1.00** The Baron becomes involved with a drugs smuggling ring using his Paris office as a front. Ends at **1.55.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Listening Eye. For the *hard-of-hearing (r).* **10.00** The Home Service. Domestic refurbishment advice (r). **10.30** Scotland's Story. Part three. (r). **11.00** Same Difference. The World Wheelchair Games (r). **11.30** Dancin' Days (r). **12.25** Sea War (b/w) Part six (r). **12.55** World of Animation. **1.05** Film: Rope of Sand (1949, b/w) starring Burt Lancaster, Paul Henreid and Corinne Calvet. Adventure story about a hunter who returns to a South African mining town to recover a cache of diamonds only to fall foul of the sadistic police chief. Directed by William Dieterle. **3.00** Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. The **3.05, 3.35, 4.10** and **4.40** races. **5.05** Brookside (r). (Oracle) **6.00** Right to Reply. Channel 4's nine part series *The Struggle for Poland* is accused of being distorted, lacking perspective and "pouring salt into the wounds of the Polish nation". Producer Martin Smith and director Boleslaw Sulik meet their critics. **6.30** News summary and weather followed by International Athletics. The European Junior Championships. **7.30** Bandung File includes a report on how St Lucia's main airline became embroiled in the Irangate scandal. **8.30** All Muck and Magic? Organic gardening series. (Oracle) **9.00** Nights and Days. Episode 12 of the Polish drama serial. **10.00** St Elsewhere. Westphalf falls ill from a latent African virus. **10.55** James Brown: London 1985. The soul singer recorded in concert at the Hammersmith Odeon. **11.55** Film: The Brides of Dracula (1960) starring Peter Cushing as a vampire hunter on the trail of an evil disciple of Dracula's. Directed by Terence Fisher. **1.30** Film: Victory (1940, b/w) starring Fredric March. Drama about a recluse whose life is threatened after he rescues a young woman from a fate worse than death. Directed by John Cromwell. Ends **3.00.**

BBC1

6.45 Open University. **8.55** Play School **9.15** Articles of Faith. (r). **9.30** This is the Day. A simple service from the Bridge of Weir. **10.00** What on Earth. . ? Wildlife quiz (r). **10.25** Antiques at Home. From Zennor, Cornwall (r). **10.55** The Healing Arts. Holistic medicine (r). (Ceefax) **11.45** Favourite Walks. Francis Wilson in Chesham, Bucks. (r). **12.10** Sign Extra. (r). **12.35** Farming visits the Leckford Estate in Hampshire which produces 10,000 mushrooms every day of the year **12.58** Weather. **1.00** News headlines **1.05** Bonanza. (r). **1.50** Tom and Jerry. **2.00** EastEnders (r). (Ceefax) **3.00** Film: She (1964) starring Ursula Andress and Peter Cushing. Rider Haggard's tale about a lost city ruled by an ageless queen, Ayesha. Directed by Robert Day. **4.40** Holiday Air 87. Highlights of the International Air Tattoo at RAF Fairford. **5.45** Aled. Aled Jones sings his favourite songs. **6.15** Lifeline. Cliff Michelmore and Maggie Philbin with the latest charity news. Gavin Campbell appeals on behalf of DEBRA. **6.25** News and weather. **6.40** Home on Sunday. Cliff Michelmore at the Buckinghamshire home of Wendy Craig. (Ceefax) **7.15** ScreenStory: Peter the Great. Episode three of the four-part Emmy Award-winning drama about the life and times of the Russian Tsar. (Ceefax) **8.45** Bread. Comedy series (r) **9.15** That's Life! Highlights from the last series. **10.05** News with Debbie Thrower. Weather. **10.20** Choices. Are our spiritual and communal values being smothererd by materialism? The Rt Rev David Jenkins, David Abbott, Ann Andrews and Andrew Alexander discuss. **11.00** When in Spain. Part five (r). **11.25** The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore visits the new telescope at the Mauna Kea Observatory in Hawaii. **11.50** Network East (r) **12.30** Weather.

BBC2

6.50 Open University. **1.30** Sunday Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **1.30** Motor Racing. The Hungarian Grand Prix from the Hungaroring; **3.10, 3.45, 5.00** and **6.20** Karting: the 1987 British Kart Grand Prix from Silverstone; **3.35** Racing: the Heinz 57 Phoenix Stakes from Phoenix Park. **4.10** and **5.30** Cricket: the Refuge Assurance League game between Gloucestershire and Kent at Cheltenham. **6.50** It's Garry Shandling's Show. This week Garry is looking for a husband for the studio cleaner to save her from being deported to Guatemala. He polls the audience with predictable results. **7.15** Favourite Things. Russell Harty joins Thora Hird in her London home where she talks about the things she likes most and then takes Russell on a nostalgic trip back to her native Morecambe. **7.45** The Flight of the Condor. This second of three award-winning films about the wildlife of the Andes focuses on the Atacama Desert, a 2,000 mile stretch of land between the Andes and the Pacific Ocean (r). **8.40** Top Crown. The third quarter-final of the BBC2 Invitation Pairs Crown Green Bowling Tournament from Nobles Park, Douglas, Isle of Man. Frank Kitchen and Mike Eccles, runners-up in 1985, meet Ian McTavish and John Gomersall. The commentator is Harry Rigby. **9.25** The Paul Daniels Magic Show. The guests are Bob Branson, with his hoop-rolling act, and Roberto Gasso and his sea lions (r). (Ceefax) **10.05** Film: Constance (1984) starring Donogh Rees and Shane Briant. A drama, set in the 1940s, about a beautiful and ambitious woman, bored with her life, who tries to gatecrash Auckland high society. Directed by Bruce Morrison. **11.45** Grand Prix. Highlights of this afternoon's Hungarian Grand Prix. **12.10** International Golf. The final round of the US PGA Championship. Ends at **1.00.**

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6.55 TV-am **8.00** Summer Sunday with Henry Kelly. **9.25** Cartoon Time **9.35** Punky Brewster **10.00** Wake Up London **10.45** Cartoon Time. **11.00** Morning Worship from the Roman Catholic Church of St Edward the Confessor, Windsor. (Oracle) **12.00** A Jobwatch Special. How youngsters see their future careers. **1.00** Face the Press. Michael Grade, Managing Director of BBC Television, is questioned by Samuel Brittan of the Financial Times and Michael Leapman of the Independent. **1.30** Getting On. Two pensioners from Ramsgate visit counterparts in Dunkirk and compare their way of life **2.00** Care Bears. Cartoon. **2.30** LWT News headlines followed by Film: High Tide at Noon (1957, b/w) starring Betta St John. Romantic melodrama set among the fishing folk of Nova Scotia. Directed by Philip Leacock. **4.30** Shadow of the Stone. Episode three. (Oracle) **5.00** Turning the Tide. David Bellamy does dams down. **5.30** International Athletics. The European Junior Championships. **6.30** News **6.40** Sing Out. Roger Whittaker's guests include Carroll Baker. **7.15** Tarby's Frame Game. Game show. **7.45** Wolf to the Slaughter. Episode two of the thriller based on the novel by Ruth Rendell. (Oracle) Followed by Autumn Preview. **8.50** News. **9.05** Crazy Like a Fox. *Harry is kidnapped while* on the trail of Lisa Harding and Harrison sets off to find his father. **10.00** Watching. Comedy love story. **10.30** The Jimmy Young Television Programme. Child abuse is discussed by doctors, social workers, police, psychiatrists and parents. **11.15** LWT News headlines followed by The Bolshoi from Edinburgh. The Bolshoi Theatre Orchestra perform the opening concert of the Edinburgh Festival. **12.30** Derrick. German police series. Ends at **1.35.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Fahmida's Story. The third and final episode of the Pakistan drama serial **10.00** Bandung File. A repeat of the programme shown yesterday. **11.00** The Waltons. Olivia's childhood flame returns a successful politician, still with an eye for Olivia. **12.00** Network 7. Current affairs and music magazine for young people. Among today's guests are Elton John, *Kim Wilde and John* Lydon; and there is also a visit to the Elvis Fan Club convention. **2.00** Nature in Focus. Kite flying ends up in a caterpillar hunt when Helen and Chris visit the downs. Starring Alison Steadman and Demetri Jagger. (Oracle) **2.30** Satyagraha. Philip Glass's opera based on the life of Mahatma Gandhi in South Africa between 1893 and 1914. Recorded in the Staatstheater, Stuttgart, and sung in Sanskrit. With Leo Geoke, Ralf Harster and Helmut Danninger (r). **5.40** News summary and weather followed by Sunday by the Sea (b/w). A documentary about Britons enjoying the pleasures of the seaside, accompanied by music hall ballads (r). **6.00** Roller Skating. The *Skate Electric British* Artistic Roller Skating Championships from the Rollerbury, Bury St Edmunds. Simon Reed and Nicky Slater are the commentators. **7.00** Challenge to Sport. Netball. **7.15** Fat Man Goes Norse. (Oracle) (see Choice) **8.15** People to People: Video from Russia - The People Speak. The first of two programmes *presenting the views* of ordinary Russians in Soviet society. Narrated by Margot Kidder (r) (Oracle) **9.15** The Last of a Dyin' Race. by Christine Reid. Aine McCartney, Ian McElhinney and Doreen Hepburn. A comedy drama about conflicting attitudes to funeral rites. (Oracle) **10.15** American Football: The America Bowl 1987. John Smith introduces highlights of the game between the Denver Broncos and the Los Angeles Rams played earlier this evening at Wembley Stadium. Ends at **12.15.**

Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below) News on the half-hour until **12.30pm**, then at **2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight **5.00am** Mark Page **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** The Stereo Sequence. Including **2.00-3.00** Behind the Mask (Eric Clapton Story). Part 5. **4.00-5.00** The New American Chart Show **6.30-7.30** In Concert (Gary Moore) **7.30** Simon Mayo **9.30-12.00** Dixie Peach with Midnight Runner Show. **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **-4.00am** As Radio 2 **1.00pm** As Radio 1 **7.30-9.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF News on the half hour until **1.00pm**, then at **3.00, 6.00, 7.00** and hourly from **10.00.** Cricket scoreboard **7.30pm** **9.00am** David Bussey **6.00** Steve Truelove **8.05** David Jacobs **10.00** Sounds of the 60s **11.00** Album Time **1.00pm** Wise on the Wireless (with Ernie Wise) **1.30** Sport on 2. Includes Football (Mercantile Credit Classic, the Football League team v Rest of the World) and Cricket (England v Pakistan) **6.00** The Matchplay Quiz (new series) **8.30** Song by Song by Sondheim (5) **7.00** Three in a Row **7.30** A Night at the Opera (BBC Concert Orchestra's Visit to Hong Kong) **9.30** String Sound (BBC Radio Orchestra) **10.05** Martin Kelner **12.05am** Dave Gelly **1.00** Bill Rennells **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

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Radio 3

N.B. Programmes are on VHF and MW, except **Test Match Special** (Third day of the Fifth Test) on MW only, from **10.55am** to **6.30pm** **6.35** Open University. Child liberation **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.05** Concert: Poulenc (Flute Sonata: Galway with RPO), Berlioz (Un bal, arranged by Liszt: Francois Duchable, piano), Beethoven (Piano Sonata in E Op 14 No 1,arr for string quartet: Amadeus Quartet), Wagner (Tristan and Isolde fantasy, arr Stiegler: Bayreuth Festival horn players). **8.00** World Service News **8.05** Concert (contd): Lalo (Presto, from Piano Trio, Op 26: Jean Martin Trio), Strauss (Till Eulenspiegel: Berlin Philharmonic Octet members), Debussy (Prélude à l'apres-midi d'un faune: Boston Symphony Chamber Players), Rachmaninov (Five etudes tableaux, arr Respighi: New Philharmonia). **9.00** News **9.05** Stereo Release: Debussy (Le Martyre de Saint Sebastien: LSO), Villa-Lobos (Sextuor mystique: Instrumentalists, conducted by Noel Devos; and Bachiana Brasileira No 5: Leila Guimaraes, soprano), Bartok (Sonata: Nigel Kennedy, violin), Allan Pettersson (Symphony No 7: Stockholm PO) **10.55** French Cello Sonatas: Raphael and Peter Wallfisch. Lalo (Sonata), d'Indy (Sonata Op 84) **11.40** Marriner's Mozart: BBC Welsh SO (underMarriner), BBC Welsh Chorus, and soloists Margaret Marshall, Alfreda Hodgson, Maldwyn Davies and John Tomlinson. Mozart's Symphony No 35, and Requiem in D minor, K 626. **1.00** News **1.05** Violin and piano: Takashi Shimizu and Gordon Back. Bloch (Baal Shem), Ysaye (Sonata in A minor Op 27,No 2), Skalkottas (Little Suite No 2), Sarasate (Concert fantasy on *Carmen*) **2.00** Maria Callas in Rossini's Il barbiere di Siviglia, sung in Italian (recorded in 1957). Cast also includes Tito Gobbi, Luigi Alva, Fritz Ollendorff and Nicola Zaccaria. **4.30** Ravel: Enid Katahin (piano). Miroirs; Night moths; Sad birds; A boat on the ocean; Morning song of the jester; Valley of the bells **5.00** Jazz Record Requests: with Peter Clayton **5.45** Himalaya: last of John Keay's documentaries.(r) **6.30** Organ music: Jane Watts in Westminster Cathedral plays works by Dupré including Symphony No 2. **7.05** Madame Paradis: Jane Lapotaire reads Timberlake Wertenbaker's story **7.30** Proms 87: BBC Concert Orchestra (under Barry Wordsworth), BBC Singers, and Howard Shelley (piano). Part one. Tchaikovsky (Polonaise and Waltz, from Eugene Onegin; Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 2). In the interval (**8.20**), a feature on Poulenc, the Russian Ballet, and Les Biches. **8.40** Proms (contd): Poulenc (Les Biches ballet music) **9.30** Escape from the Harem: David Rintoul and Lindsay Duncan in Mike Steer's true story of a 17th century hijack **10.30** The Moor's Revenge: Parley of Instruments perform Purcell's music for the play Abdelazer **10.50** BBC Singers at St John's: Thea Musgrave (*Rorate coeli*), Maconchy (Nocturnal), Crosse (Dreamcanon 1), Rorem (Three Poems of Baudelaire), and Alexander Goehr (Imitations of Baudelaire) **11.57** News **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

LF (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF **5.55am** Shipping **6.00** News Briefing: Weather **6.10** Farming **6.50** Prayer **6.55** Weather **7.00** Today, incl **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25** Sport **7.30, 8.30** News **7.40, 8.47** Today's Papers **7.45** In Perspective **7.55, 8.58** Weather **9.00** News **9.05** Sport on 4 **9.30** Breakaway. With Bernard Falk (news of holidays and leisure) **10.00** News; Loose Ends, *hosted by Ned Sherrin* **11.00** News; Talking Politics. Social Democrat MP Charles Kennedy tours his constituency of Ross, Cromarty and Skye, and talks to Haig Gordon **11.27** From Our Own Correspondent **12.00** On the Big Day. The Christening. Behind the scenes at a big day for little Matthew, and his parents, in a tiny Worcestershire village **12.25** Quote ... Unquote. Nigel Rees with guests William Franklyn, A N Wilson, Mavis Nicholson and Rosemary Anne Sisson **12.55** Weather **1.00** News **1.10** With Great Pleasure. The Earl of Lichfield presents his favourite prose and poetry in front of an audience at the Midland Arts Centre, Birmingham (r). Readers are Robert Hardy and Frank Windsor (r) **1.55** Shipping forecast **2.00** News; Second Edition. Gillian Reynolds and guests comment on some Radio 4 magazine programmes **3.00** News; The Afternoon Play. The Glory of the Lord by John Fletcher. Tale of a 60s mod who once fought on a Brighton beach, and is now a father and mellowing. With Steve Hodson and Christian Rodska (r) **4.30** SO4 (Science on 4). With Geoff Watts **5.00** The Living World. Experts tackle wildlife questions from an audience at the Wildfowl Trust, Arundel **5.25** Week Ending. Satirical review of the week's news **5.50** Shipping **5.55-6.00** Weather **6.00** News: incl Sport Round-Up **6.25** In the Psychiatrist's Chair. Dr Anthony Clare's subject is Geoffrey Boycott (r) **7.00** Saturday Night Theatre. Death and the Dancing Footman by Ngaio Marsh, dramatized by Alan Downer. Rich man throws a weekend party with guests who loathe one another. The cast is headed by Nigel Graham, Laurence Payne and Steven Pacey **8.30** Baker's Dozen. With *Richard Baker* **9.30** Thriller! A Fatal Inversion by Ruth Rendell (Part 7). The reader is Lewis Flander **9.50** Ten to Ten. Reading, hymn and reflection. With Stephen Oliver **9.59** Weather **10.00** News **10.15** In Keeping with Tradition. Keith Allan meets gamekeeper Stuart Cannon **10.30** Braden Beside Himself. With Bernard Braden. Includes the wit and wisdom of George Burns and Groucho Marx (s) **11.00** Even Looser Ends. Rebroadcast of this morning's Loose Ends **12.00** News; Weather **12.33** Shipping **VHF** (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **1.55-2.00pm** Programme News **4.30-6.00** Options: **4.30** American Authors **5.00** The State of Industry **5.30** Franc-Parler

Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below **6.00am** Mark Page **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **12.30** Jimmy Savile s Old Record Club (Top 10s from 1981, 1975, 1969) **2.30** Sunday Live **3.30** Radio 1 More Time **4.00** Chartbusters **5.00** Top 40 **7.00** Anne Nightingale Request Show **9.00** Robbie Vincent **11.00-12.00** The Ranking Miss P (with Culture Rock). **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **2.00pm** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell **4.00** Serenade **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MF (Medium wave). Stereo on VHF Cricket Scoreboard **7.30pm** **4.00am** David Bussey **6.00** Steve Truelove **7.30** Good Morning Sunday, with Roger Royle **9.05** Melodies for You (introduced by Richard Baker) **11.00** Desmond Carrington **2.00pm** Stuart Hall's Sunday Sport. Includes Grand Prix (Hungarian Grand Prix) and Golf (PLM Golf Open), and Refuge Assurance cricket **6.30** Sunday Soapbox **7.35** Grand Hotel (Norman George and Palm Court Orchestra) **8.30** Hymns on Holiday (3) Corrymeela Centre, Ballycastle, Northern Ireland **9.00** Jack Brymer Presents **10.05** Songs from the Shows (BBC Radio Orchestra) **10.45** Ralph Dollimore at the piano **11.00** Sounds of Jazz (featuring Rod Mason and His Hot Five) **1.00am** Steve Madden **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

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Radio 3

6.35 Open University: The Open College **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.05** Solomon, the pianist in recordings of Schumann's Carnaval and Chopin works including Ballade No 4 in F minor **8.00** World Service News **8.10** Theme and Variations: Mozart (Variations on Unser *dummer Pobel meint*: Haebler, piano), Crusell (Introduction and Variations on a Swedish air, Op 12: Thea King, clarinet and LSO), Berkeley (Theme and Variations: Julian Bream, guitar), Arensky (Variations on theme of Tchaikovsky). **9.00** News **9.05** Your Concert Choice: Allegri (Miserere: Goodman, treble, Choir of King's College, Cambridge), Chopin (Study in E Op 10 No 3:Study in C minor Op 10 No 12: Horowitz, piano), Eduard Strauss (Doctrinen Waltz: Vienna Volksoper Orchestra), Strauss (Josephslegende: Dresden Staatskapelle), Canteloube arrangements of Songs of the Auvergne sung by Victoria de los Angeles), Dvorak (Symphony No 8: RPO under Beecham) **10.45** Prom Talk: with Peter Paul Nash. Includes an interview with Manss Yansons, conductor of the Oslo Philharmonic; and Nicholas Maw talking about his Odyssey **11.15** Soprano and piano recital: Arleen Auger and Dalton Baldwin. Works by Schumann (including Widmung Op 25 No 1: and Roselein, Roselein Op 89 No 6), Schubert (including Frühlingsglaube Op 20 No 2),Schoenberg (Vier Lieder Op 2), and Strauss (including Das Rosenband) **12.30** New Budapest String Quartet: Mozart (Quartet in G, K 387), Debussy (Quartet in G minor Op 10) **1.30** Howard Blake's Benedictus: BBC Scottish SO, Scottish Philharmonic Singers, Robert Tear (tenor), Ian Aldred (speaker), Carolyn Sparey-Gillies (viola) **2.40** Emanuel Vardi, viola, with Kathron Sturrock (piano). Stravinsky (Elegy for solo viola), Bliss (Sonata for viola and piano), Vardi (Fantasy Variations on theme of Paganini) **3.20** Age of Enlightenment: Georg Muffat (Sonata No 5), W F Bach (Sinfonia in D minor), Haydn (Ouverture-Suite in B flat), C P E Bach (Harpsichord Concerto in D minor, Wq 23) **5.00** A Song of Summer: Paul Scofield reads from a Richard Jefferies essay **6.00** Proms 87: Act 3 of Wagner's Parsifal. English National Opera Chorus and Orchestra under Goodall, with soloists Ellsworth, Howell, Howlett, and Squires **7.20** Piano recital: John Ogdon plays Busoni's Sonata in F minor, Sibelius's Sonata in F Op 12, Bentzon's Woodcuts, and Menotti's Ricercare and Toccata on theme from Old Maid and the Thief **8.40** Publicity? Be Damned: Edward de Souza reads *Graeme Fife's story* **9.00** Proms 87: New London Consort. Works by Praetorius (Dances from Terpsichore). From the Royal Albert Hall, London **10.00** Xenakis and Bartok: Roger Woodward (piano), with BBC SO, BBC Singers, BBC Symphony Chorus, under Peter Eötvös. Xenakis (Nekuia, and Keqrops, for piano and orchestra), and Bartok's Four Orchestral Pieces Op 12) **11.15** A Swiss Nocturne: Bochman Quartet with Ian Caddy (baritone). Schoeck (Nottumo Op 47) **11.57** News **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

LF (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF **5.55** Shipping **6.00** News **6.10** Prelude (s) **6.30** News; Morning has Broken (s) **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** Waterlines (Cowes Week) **7.40** Sunday (religious news and views) **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers **8.50** The Week's Good Cause (appeal by Roy Kinnear) **9.00** News **9.10** Sunday Papers **9.15** Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.30** Morning Service from St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Lytham, Lancashire **10.15** The Archers. Omnibus edition **11.15** News Stand. Linda Christmas explores Britain's periodicals **11.30** Pick of the Week. With Margaret Howard (s) **12.15** Desert Island Discs. The castaway is Frances Edmonds, wife of cricket player Phil **12.55** Weather **1.00** The World This Weekend **1.55** Shipping **2.00** A Small Country Living with Jeanne McMullen **2.30** The Afternoon Play. Never Been Kissed in the Same Place Twice. A love story in six parts, with a music hall background. With David Suchet and Karen Archer (penultimate episode) **3.30** On the Corner. Robert Kilroy-Silk visits Speakers' Corner in Hyde Park, London **4.00** News: Enterprise. Marjorie Lofthouse visits an engineering supply business in Stirling **4.30** The Natural History Programme. The expanding Sahara desert (r) **5.00** News: Down the River. Cliff Morgan journeys down the River Wye **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather **6.00** News **6.15** A Sideways Look at ... With Anthony Smith **6.30** International Assignment. BBC correspondents report **7.00** Persuasion by Jane Austen (2) Accidents and Encounters. With Sorcha Cusack (as Jane Austen) and Juliet Stevenson (as Anne Elliot) (r) **8.00** A Good Read. Brian Gear invites Jonathan Raban and Lorna Sage to pick some paperbacks **8.30** The Cross and the Crescent. History of the Crusades (2) Princes in Antioch. Presented by Malcolm Billings (r) **9.00** News; Lexicon of Laughter (s) **9.30** A Splendid Discipline. The development of cinema music (1). Presented by Diane Shelley **10.00** News **10.15** Up, You Mighty Race. The story of inspirational leader Marcus Garvey, presented by Ferdi Dennis (r) **11.00** Seeds of Faith. Nether Hallam Centre, Sheffield (s) **11.15** John Morgan on Charm. **11.30** Hermione. Final programme in tribute to Hermione Gingold (r) **12.00** News; Weather **12.33** Shipping **VHF** (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **7.00-8.00am Open** University **1.55-2.00pm** Programme News **4.00-6.00** Options **4.00** Crime and Punishment. 4 **4.30** On Course **5.00** The Future of Work **5.30** Not so Long Ago

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1:1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5; **Radio 4:** 200kHz/1500m: VHF-92-95; **LBC:**1152kHz/261m: VHF 97.3; **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m: VHF95.8; **BBC Radio London:** 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; **World Service:** MF 648kHz/463m.

B-Cal staff tell directors to co-operate with inquiry

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Staff at British Caledonian have told the company's directors to press ahead with plans to merge with British Airways and to co-operate with the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in its formal investigation.

The joint shop stewards committee of the airline met yesterday in advance of today's full board meeting and gave its full backing to the planned take-over.

"We remain firmly behind the merger as the best option for the future security of British aviation, the general public and British Caledonian", it said in a letter to the board.

Such support from the staff is almost certain to persuade the directors to co-operate with the commission in the hope that the deal will be approved.

Sir Adam Thomson, chairman of B-Cal, had earlier said that he might be forced to pull out of the deal if it was referred to the commission because a long delay would affect the confidence of travel agents.

But B-Cal executives have produced a report showing that, provided the commission completes its work, as promised, by November 6, the airline will remain financially sound.

It shows that B-Cal already has 635,000 bookings, equivalent to 70 days of business and worth about £100 million. Long-haul bookings are up 32 per cent on the same date last year and the number of European passengers has also increased.

The figures will also bolster Sir Adam and others on the board who are in favour of pressing ahead with the merger.

But it is also clear that the deadline of three months in which the commission has to complete its task is only just short enough to prevent the airline from running into big problems.

The board is certain to want to keep open its options through talks aimed at linking the airline with other carriers in both Europe and America.

The commission yesterday told B-Cal that it was free to go ahead with such talks. Three main contenders will be contacted and asked if they will be prepared to keep their plans open until the result of the investigation is known.

If the decision should go against a merger B-Cal will want to move quickly in linking up with another carrier so as to avert a loss of confidence.

The main contender is Northwest Airlines, the fourth biggest carrier in the United States. It already flies to Gatwick and Prestwick and its massive route network in the US would help to funnel traffic on to B-Cal's transatlantic services. Passengers from B-Cal's European and domestic routes would, in turn, be fed on to Northwest's trunk routes to cities not served by the British airline.

Another major contender is American Airlines, which is anxious to expand in Europe and which also has a huge network of flights within the US.

The main European contender is KLM, the Dutch national carrier, which has for some months been looking at ways of linking with a British carrier to provide a powerful European-based international airline with a network of feeder routes both within Britain and on the Continent.

Informal discussions with other independent European airlines such as UTA, the French carrier that has a large African route system, is also possible.

In each case, should it become necessary, the foreign airline would inject up to 25 per cent of capital into the new carrier and have a significant say in how its services were run and in the timings of its flights.

Mr Michael Bishop, chairman of British Midland, has also renewed his offer to link-up with B-Cal, but it seems that the deal with British Airways is still considered the best option.

Owen fights for title

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continue the fight became graphically clear in Mrs Barnes's letter.

On letter paper headed "SDP" and "Campaign for Social Democracy" Mrs Barnes asked members to say whether they wanted to remain members of the SDP and to send donations to a "Support the SDP" fund.

She told them that Dr Owen would continue to lead the "Campaign for Social Democracy". He is to address a fringe meeting in that capacity at the SDP's Portsmouth conference starting at the end of this month, she said.

In his interviews after the ballot Dr Owen made clear his determination to carry on as a social democrat. Although he predicted that the merger negotiations would succeed he nevertheless said that neither he nor the SDP should be written off, and talked about reaching an amicable settlement.

That was seen by mergerites as an obvious signal that he wants to take the title "SDP" with him, and Mrs Barnes's letter confirmed that view.

Waterspout takes a silent bow



The waterspout, estimated at up to 2,500 feet high, which one man described as "silent but powerful". It was photographed by teacher Mr David Porter

By Alan Hamilton

While for a large part of the so-called summer on mainland Britain it has been raining cats and dogs, in one small area off the Isle of Wight this week it briefly rained fish.

At least the weathermen say it probably did, although nobody actually caught any. But that is what waterspouts do; they rain fish, seaweed, driftwood, a great deal of water and, in extreme circumstances, bits of small boats. They are the marine equivalent of the twister, the tornado which frequently tears lumps out of the American midwest.

British weather, based on long periods of grey tedium rather than nature's angrier moods, nevertheless has its moments. The waterspout which developed off Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, at lunchtime on Thursday, was a big meteorological event.

Mr David Porter, a local teacher, observed its brief life from the shore. "It began at about 1.10, and lasted for no more than four minutes. A grey funnel appeared from the base of thick, low cloud at the north end of Yarmouth pier. The funnel expanded at the base and the top into a solid grey rotating column.

"A cloud of spray 50 feet high and 30 feet broad developed around the base of the funnel. The base could not travel as fast as the rest, and a kink developed in the middle. Eventually the funnel was so thick that the mass of water within it could not be sustained; the funnel narrowed in the middle and collapsed with an obvious heavy mass of water returning to the sea. The top of the funnel disappeared into the cloud."

Mr David McKillop, steward at the Royal Solent Yacht Club at Yarmouth, said: "It was quite black, and in a spiral shape. There was a lot of water turbulence at the bottom." A yachtsman who had been out at the time described it as "silent but powerful".

Another yachtsman was reported by coastguards to have had his vessel knocked down — pushed over but not quite capsized — but he made it back to Yarmouth and went on his way without leaving his name.

Eyewitnesses put the height of the spout at between 1,500 and 2,500 feet, in which case it will have broken no records.

The highest waterspout measured in Britain probably occurred off Ryde, Isle of Wight, in 1878, when an amateur scientist with a sextant measured its height at one mile. Waterspouts a mile high have also been recorded in Australia.

The Meteorological Office explained yesterday that waterspouts occur when cold air passes over warm sea, and there is little wind. They are by no means unknown in Britain, and the current spell of cold air covering much of the country has made conditions favourable.

There were at least two other freak weather reports at the same time. Observers at Orpington, Kent, spoke of a mini-tornado filling the air with straw, and the crew of a Dutch oil rig reported seeing four waterspouts.

Archaeopteryx debate

Flying fossil is foundering as feathers look like fakes

By Robin Young

Archaeopteryx may be coming home to roost. The most famous fossil in the world — half-bird, half-reptile and some 160 million years old — was yesterday again denounced as a good, old-fashioned forgery, crafted in the surgery of a Bavarian district medical officer and fossil collector, Dr Karl Haeberlein.

The scientific sceptics who are set upon plucking the chicken-sized creature of its (they maintain) fraudulently obtained plumage set out their case yesterday.

At the same time they accused the British Museum of unscientific vandalism, of withholding evidence which could settle the authenticity of the fossil and of organizing a palaeontological cover-up to preserve archaeopteryx's place in the text-books as the missing link in the evolution of birds from reptiles.

The case for the prosecution was set out by Dr Lee Spetner, an Israeli physicist now specializing in electronics. He was backed by Britain's best known astronomer, Professor Sir Fred Hoyle, and Professor Chandra Wickramasinghe, the head of the applied mathematics and astronomy department at Cardiff University.

They are co-authors both of the novel theory that life reached earthed from outer space, and of a book which threw doubts on archaeopteryx's antecedents.

Archaeopteryx was discovered by Dr Haeberlein in 1861. After the publication of *The Origin of Species*. He sold the fossil as part of his collection to the British Museum for £700.

Sixteen years later his son sold a second, better-preserved, specimen to the Berlin museum for £1,000.

Three other supposed specimen fossils of archaeopteryx have been identified, but none has traces of the creature's feathers preserved as they were in both the Haeberlein examples.

Dr Spetner says the feathers in the Haeberlein fossils were added to the genuine fossil by the application of a cement skim.

Dr Spetner obtained microscopic samples from the surface of the British Museum's fossil and detected completely different material from the rest of the Jurassic limestone fossil.

But, he claimed yesterday, the British Museum had refused any further samples or access to the fossil for non-invasive tests, and had managed to stop him publishing his doubts in any palaeontological journals.

"They have subjected this fossil to very rough treatment", Dr Spetner said yesterday. "They have chopped off and apparently destroyed about 100 grammes of it, including a whole section which held the braincase, and have apparently destroyed at least ten grammes of feathered material.

"Yet they will not even spare us a fraction of a microgramme for further tests.

The Natural History Museum is now proposing to stage an exhibition about the controversy, due to open on August 18.

Sir Fred said: "Like Piltdown Man before it, archaeopteryx has become an embarrassment to the theory of evolution, a hindrance to understanding the development of flight, and an obstacle to those who try to explain how birds evolved."

Rees in demand for MI5 inquiry

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Merlyn Rees, Home Secretary during the last Labour government, last night demanded an inquiry into the allegations in Peter Wright's *Spycatcher* book of an MI5 plot to destabilize the Harold Wilson administration in 1974-75.

Mr Rees, who has read the book, repeated the statements by himself and Mr James Callaghan, who was recently ennobled, that the 1977 inquiry set up by the Mr Callaghan did not cover the Wright allegations.

Mr Rees, speaking to his Morley and South Leeds constituency party, said that the time had come to bring the actions of the security services within the ambit of the law, and suggested that a properly constituted legal inquiry could begin discussion on the issue.

But he said that an inquiry was necessary in any case to avoid constant allegations which would do no good to the security services.

He said he expected the inquiry to include the "dirty tricks" carried out by some members of MI5, and possibly by some former members of MI6, together with the allegations made since 1977 of a dirty tricks campaign emanating from Northern Ireland which "included some politicians and an official then serving in the Foreign Office in London".

Mr Rees said he expected the inquiry not only to report on the allegations themselves but to come up with proposals leading to an oversight body to review annually the work of the security service, and a security service ombudsman to which staff who had fundamental complaints on security policy would have a duty to lodge their concerns.

Mr Rees was displaying his dissatisfaction with the statement by Mrs Margaret Thatcher to the Commons in May when she disclosed that an investigation by the director-general of MI5, carried out over the previous four months, had concluded that the plot allegations were false.

He said that he would seek a full debate on the allegations when the Commons resumes.

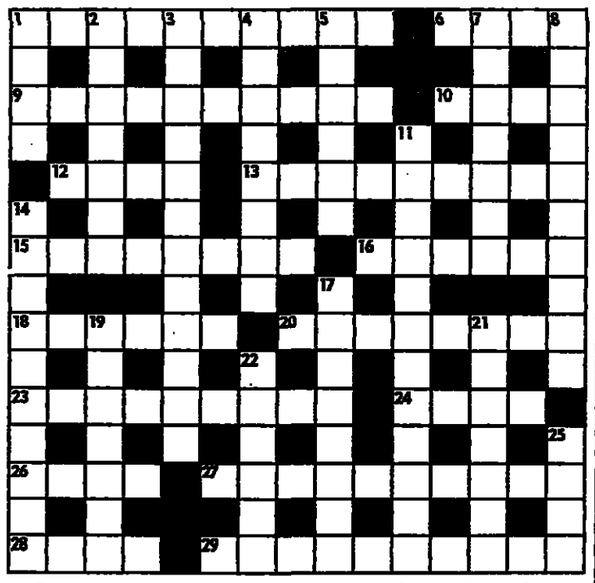
"Only an inquiry can lance the running sore of all the allegations and then ensure that illegal activities will not occur again."

● Meanwhile, journalists at the *News on Sunday* stopped work for three hours yesterday over what they saw as an attempt to "gag" them.

The newspaper, which last week published extracts from *Spycatcher* was asked by its printers, West Ferry, for an assurance that no similar items would appear.

"The management have withdrawn their assurances to West Ferry and the printers have accepted that the *News on Sunday* is free to decide what it will publish", an NUJ spokesman said.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,430



ACROSS
1 Framework for serving soldiers (5-4).
6 Mozart's cataloguer has key placed out of order (5).
9 Surpass in public work (7).
10 Black magic following rain storm in Africa (7).
11 How doctors describe bone injured in Barking? (5).
12 Bank to stop advances (9).
14 Medical bag (3).
15 Account for filling up at station? (6-5).
17 Author known for his work in the tropics (5,6).
19 Nursery gardener not right in springtime (3).
20 Exhausted swans putting tail first in open (9).
22 Recipient of a booked passage (5).
24 Overcome by darkness, having died in sleep (7).
26 Cricket side getting out without interruption (7).
27 Puff oxygen for exhilaration (5).
28 Wet sandal is unusual in the desert (9).

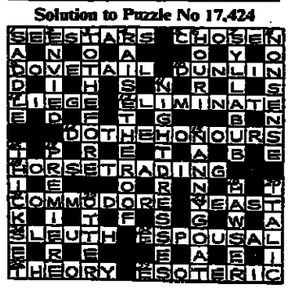
DOWN
1 Old woman tickled to death? (5).
2 Cab. mile off course. still (7).
3 Headquarters in this office? (9).
4 Tea (hemp) main source, oddly, of stimulant drug (11).
5 Boy's range of knowledge (3).
6 He appears in "Some Like it Hot" (5).
7 Promote show with "Oklahoma" as centre-piece (7).
8 Collection of showy pieces has trill introducing "Mull of Kintyre" (9).
13 Conditions for translation of rousing tale (11).
14 Comprehensive case? (6-3).
16 Knight-bachelor, we hear, going round on a horse (9).
18 Isle of Wight features almost pointless, paradoxically (7).
19 River of wine (7).
21 Mr Badger's home needs love following dust-up (3-2).
23 Chilly? First signs of any laryngitis, get in doctor (5).
25 Air moisture expected, they say (3).

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Solution to Puzzle No 17,429



Solution to Puzzle No 17,424



A prize of The Times Concise Atlas of the World *will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.*

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WEATHER

A rather cloudy start with showers continuing to affect northern and western districts particularly those exposed to the fresh, north-westerly winds and heavy showers affecting the far north. Sunny spells will develop and one or two sheltered spots will become warm. Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: remaining rather unsettled in the north and east with further showers likely; dry in the south and west with sunny spells and becoming a little warmer.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Akrotiri	s	33	91	Madrid	f	26	79
Alex'dria	f	29	84	Mayorca	s	29	84
Algiers	s	31	88	Melb'rne	s	14	57
Amst'dm	s	17	63	Milan	c	17	63
Athens	s	31	88	Moscow	c	16	61
Bahrain	s	39	102	Munich	r	12	54
Barcelna	f	24	75	Nairobi	c	24	75
Beirut	s	31	88	Naples	f	29	84
Belgrade	s	25	77	N Delhi	c	33	91
Berlin	f	17	63	Nice	s	24	75
Biarritz	f	21	70	Oslo	f	14	57
Borde'x	s	21	70	Paris	f	19	66
Brussels	s	19	66	Peking	c	27	81
Budapst	r	16	61	Perth	s	21	70
Cairo	s	35	95	Prague	f	13	55
Cape Tn	s	29	84	Reykjvik	s	16	61
Chrchch	f	13	55	Rio de J	f	22	72
Cologne	c	19	66	Riyadh	f	45	113
C'phagn	f	15	59	Rome	f	29	84
Dublin	c	14	57	Santiago	s	17	63
Florence	c	23	73	Seoul	r	19	66
Frankfurt	s	18	64	Sing'por	r	24	75
Geneva	c	19	66	St'kholm	f	17	63
Gibraltar	f	27	81	Sydney	s	17	63
Helsinki	r	11	52	Tangier	f	24	75
Hong K	f	31	88	Tel aviv	s	32	90
Innsbrck	c	16	61	Tenerife	s	27	81
Istanbul	f	29	84	Tokyo	c	26	82
Jeddah	s	37	99	Tunis	s	34	93
Jo'burg*	s	15	59	Vanc'ver	s	19	66
Karachi	c	31	88	Venice	c	17	63
L Palmas	s	25	77	Vienna	f	14	57
Lisbon	f	23	73	Warsaw	f	17	63
Locarno	c	18	64	Wash'ton	s	27	81
L Angels*	s	23	73	Wel'ngton	c	12	54
Luxembg	f	16	61	Zurich	r	13	55

* denotes Thursday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	10.9	-	13	55	cloudy
Bridlington	6.5	-	15	59	cloudy
Crosser	10.4	-	16	61	sunny
Clacton	6.2	-	18	64	sunny
Margate	7.3	-	19	66	sunny
Folkestone	8.5	-	17	63	sunny
Hastings	4.2	-	17	63	sunny
Brighton	6.3	-	18	64	sunny
Worthing	5.7	-	17	63	bright
Littlehmptn	5.2	-	18	64	bright
Southsea	8.0	-	18	64	cloudy
Shanklin	4.9	-	18	64	bright
Bournemth	5.4	-	20	68	bright
Swanage	7.5	-	18	64	sunny
Weymouth	11.2	-	20	68	sunny
Exmouth	7.0	-	19	66	sunny
Falmouth	11.9	-	19	66	sunny
Scilly Isles	10.4	-	20	68	sunny
Guernsey	11.0	-	19	66	sunny
Ilfracombe	12.0	-	17	63	sunny
Minehead	12.1	-	19	66	sunny
B'pool Airpt	14.5	-	16	61	sunny
Douglas	-	-	15	59	sunny
B'ham Airpt	8.5	-	17	63	shower
Bristol (Ctrl)	10.4	-	20	68	sunny
London	7.0	-	21	70	bright
Manchester	10.6	-	17	63	bright
N'cstl-n-Tyne	4.9	.03	14	57	shower
Anglesey	11.6	-	16	61	sunny
Cardiff (Ctrl)	11.7	-	19	66	sunny
Tenby	10.3	-	18	64	sunny
Eskdalemuir	5.1	.04	14	57	shower
Glasgow	7.2	-	17	63	bright
Lerwick	1.3	.27	11	52	rain
Prestwick	9.5	-	16	61	sunny
Tiree	11.6	-	14	57	shower
Wick	8.8	.06	13	55	sunny
Belfast	11.3	-	16	61	sunny

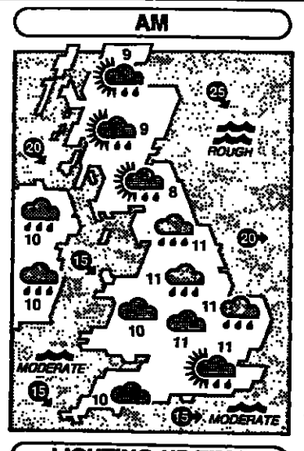
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HIGH TIDES

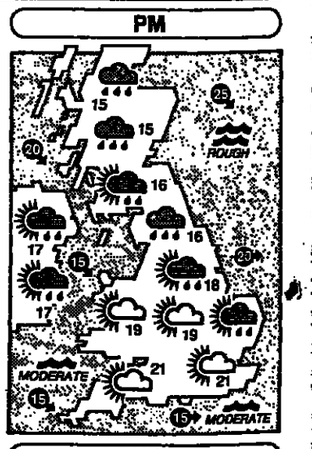
TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1 12	6.4	1.45	6.4	London Bridge	2 16	6 8	2.40	6.7
Aberdeen	12.37	4.0	1 22	4.1	Aberdeen	1 29	4.2	2 14	4.3
Avonmouth	7.00	11 9	7 28	12 5	Avonmouth	7 59	12.6	8.21	13.2
Belfast	10.45	3.3	11 03	3 5	Belfast	11 35	3.9	11 51	3.7
Cardiff	6.45	11 0	7 13	11 6	Cardiff	7 44	11.7	8 06	12.1
Devonport	5 34	4.9	6 01	5 2	Devonport	6 38	5 1	7 00	5 5
Dover	11 02	6 1	11 21	6.2	Dover	11 48	6.5	—	—
Falmouth	5 04	4 7	5 31	5 0	Falmouth	6.06	4.9	6.30	5.3
Glasgow	12.02	4 3	12.27	4 2	Glasgow	12.59	4 6	1 31	4.2
Harwich	11.37	3.6	—	—	Harwich	12.09	3.9	12.33	3.8
Holyhead	10.14	5.2	10.31	5.5	Holyhead	11 03	5.4	11.17	5.6
Hull	5.59	6 7	6 40	6.9	Hull	6 49	7.1	7 22	7.3
Ilfracombe	5.44	8.3	6.09	8.7	Ilfracombe	6.39	8.8	7.01	9.3
Leith	2.02	5.0	2.45	5.2	Leith	2.55	5.3	3.37	5.5
Liverpool	11.06	9.8	11.28	9.3	Liverpool	11.59	9.2	—	—
Lowestoft	8.51	2.3	9.43	2.3	Lowestoft	9.42	2.4	10.39	2.4
Margate	11.47	4.4	—	—	Margate	12.25	4.6	12.40	4.6
Milford Haven	5.58	6.3	6.23	6.8	Milford Haven	6.53	6.8	7.15	7.2
Newquay	4.51	6.4	5.15	6.8	Newquay	5.44	6.8	6.05	7.2
Oban	5.59	3.4	6.13	3.9	Oban	6.47	3.7	6.58	4.1
Penzance	4.35	4.9	5.00	5.3	Penzance	5.34	5.2	5.55	5.8
Portland	6.47	1.7	7.18	2 1	Portland	7.50	1 9	8.15	2.4
Portsmouth	11 21	4.4	11.39	4.5	Portsmouth	—	—	12.15	4.6
Shoreham	11 06	5.9	11 25	6.1	Shoreham	—	—	noon	6.2
Southampton	10.51	4.3	10.59	4.3	Southampton	11.39	4.5	11 48	4.5
Swansea	6.04	8.6	6.30	9.2	Swansea	7.00	9 1	7.22	9.6
Tees	3.11	5.0	3.51	5.2	Tees	4.00	5.3	4.42	5.4
Wlton-on-Nze	11.30	3.8	—	—	Wlton-on-Nze	12.02	4.1	12.23	4.0

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 9.08 pm to 5.06 am
Bristol 9.17 pm to 5.15 am
Edinburgh 9.37 pm to 5.01 am
Manchester 9.23 pm to 5.07 am
Penzance 9.25 pm to 5.32 am

TOMORROW
London 9.06 pm to 5.07 am
Bristol 9.15 pm to 5.17 am
Edinburgh 9.34 pm to 5.03 am
Manchester 9.21 pm to 5.09 am
Penzance 9.23 pm to 5.33 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 19C (66F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 11C (52F) Humidity: 6 pm, 49 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 7.8 hrs Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1009.5 millibars, steady
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	r	13	55	Guernsey	f	17	63
B'rmgham	c	14	57	Inverness	c	13	55
Blackpool	r	13	55	Jersey	c	19	66
Bristol	f	17	63	London	c	17	63
Cardiff	f	18	64	M'nchster	r	11	52
Edinburgh	c	16	61	Newcastle	c	14	57
Glasgow	c	14	57	R'nldsway	c	13	55

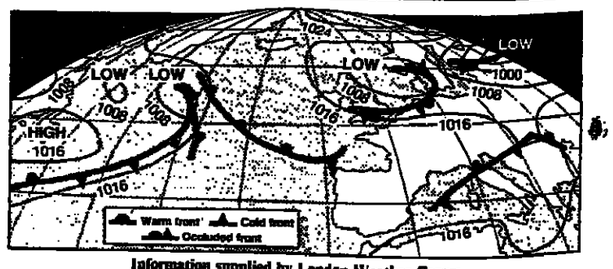
HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: London, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Lerwick. Fair Isle and Cape Wrath, all Highlands, 11C (52F)

TODAY	Sun rises:	Sun sets:	TOMORROW	Sun rises:	Sun sets:
	5.34 am	8.38 pm		5.36 am	8.36 pm
	Moon sets: 3.23 am	Moon rises: 8.44 pm		Moon sets: 5.00 am	Moon rises: 9.06 pm

Full Moon tomorrow — Full Moon 11.17 am

NOON TODAY



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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1726.9 (-27.2)

FT-SE 100
2226.2 (-35.2)

Bargains
57422 (48611)

USM (Datastream)
203.82 (-5.47)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5655 (-0.0100)

W German mark
2.9580 (-0.0071)

Trade-weighted
72.0 (-0.1)

Pay warning for Britain

OECD predicts sharp slowdown in growth

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

High pay settlements remain a big problem for the British economy, says the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in its annual review of Britain. Settlements in the private sector may now have fallen as far as they are going to, and a renewed rise would undermine British industry's competitiveness.

In a sober assessment of the economy's recent performance, the OECD says it has developed favourably compared both with performance here in the past and with other countries. But there is no reason for complacency as this follows a long period of relative decline, and has taken place against the background of an unsatisfactory performance by other leading economies.

The OECD is a little more optimistic about the balance of payments outlook than in its forecast in June. It now expects a current account deficit of £1 billion in the second half of this year and £2.5 billion in 1988.

But a deteriorating performance in export markets as competitiveness declines, coupled with a strong rise in

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imports generated by relatively high domestic demand, are expected to cause a sharp slowdown in the economy. From a rate of 3½ per cent a year in the first half of this year, growth is forecast to have slowed to only half that rate by the second half of next year.

The general pattern of the economic climate in the short term is expected to be one of continuing strong consumer demand this year, falling next year as higher inflation slows the rise in real incomes.

Investment will rise in the second half of this year but is likely to slow down towards the end of next year as industrial competitiveness declines. Stockbuilding will accelerate temporarily to catch up with higher output, but public spending will remain restrained.

The OECD admits to being uncertain whether recent productivity gains are cyclical or more permanent. If, however, they are largely the result of the present rapid growth in output, as the OECD assumes, then the level of wage increases threatens a renewed rise in unit costs which will put pressure on inflation and limit future falls in unemployment.

Unemployment is expected to continue falling slightly next year, and inflation is forecast to rise only slightly. But the still high rate of unemployment and persistently higher inflation rates than those of trading partners are the two main problems of economic policy.

The Government should give a lead in the battle to keep pay settlements under control by using its role as public sector employer, says the OECD.

OECD Forecasts for UK

	1987	1988	1987 I	1987 II	1988 I	1988 II
Private consumption	3¾	3½	3¼	4	3½	3
Government consumption	1½	1	¾	1	1	1
Gross fixed investment	2¾	3¾	3	5¼	3½	1½
Stockbuilding	0	0	¼	¼	0	0
Exports	4½	1½	2¾	1¾	1½	1½
Imports	4½	4¼	-2	5¼	4¼	3½
GDP	3¼	2¼	3½	2¾	2¼	1¾
Consumer prices (% pa)	4	4½	4¼	4¼	4½	4½
Unemployment rate (%)	11¼	11	11½	11	11	10¾
Current a/c (£bn)	-½	-2½	0	-1	-2	-3

Volumes (1985 prices)
Percentage changes from previous period, seasonally adjusted annual rates



John Barkshire: new terms substantially more attractive

B&C's Mercantile offer up to £542m

By Lawrence Lever

British & Commonwealth Holdings yesterday announced an increased £542 million offer for Mercantile House, forcing Quadrex Holdings to withdraw its £530 million conditional cash offer for the financial services group.

The new offer has the backing of the Mercantile board, led by Mr John Barkshire, the chairman. The board said the offer was "substantially more attractive in all respects to shareholders and employees" than the Quadrex "proposals."

B&C will still sell Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank to Credit Lyonnais but will be negotiating a higher price than the £75 million originally agreed.

The B&C offer is, like the first, largely in paper with only a partial cash alternative. This prompted Mr Gary Klesch, the head of Quadrex, to claim that Mercantile shareholders would "prefer cash".

Mercantile's shares leapt 26p to 588p on the announcement of B&C's offer and then gave up all the gain as B&C shares fell back 20p reducing the value of its offer from 600p-a-share to about 572p.

The position of Quadrex was considerably weakened by a statement from the independent directors of funds managed by Mercantile's valuable Oppenheimer subsidiary.

They said that if Mercantile changed hands it could not be assumed that the £6.5 billion

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funds would remain under Oppenheimer's management.

However, they added that in B&C's case they had already approved the transfer of the management contracts.

Mr Derek Higgs of SG Warburg, advisers to Mercantile, said yesterday that Mercantile would not accept any alternative offer which was conditional upon the Oppenheimer funds approving it.

The B&C offer is backed by both the Globe and Electra Investment Trusts who, together with the B&C camp, hold almost 28 per cent of Mercantile's shares.

Mercury wins agreement for Italy service

By Colin Narbrough

Mercury, the telecommunications company, yesterday announced a breakthrough in its campaign for access to the lucrative market in telephone traffic with Europe and a chance to compete squarely in the region with British Telecom.

Mr Gordon Owen, managing director, said Mercury had reached an "historic" agreement with the Italian posts and telecommunications authorities to operate switched telephone and telex services between Italy and Britain.

It was hoped that the service, which will allow Mercury to offer business and residential calls between 12 to 17 per cent cheaper than BT, would start in October or November. The company was confident of clinching similar deals with four more EEC countries in the near future, said Mr Owen.

He made clear that France and West Germany, the biggest European markets, were not among the four, but said he hoped Italy's recognition of Mercury as a "genuine carrier" would encourage the other Europeans.

The Government's intervention on Mercury's behalf was underlined. Mr John Butcher, junior Trade and Industry Minister, had personally taken up the matter in Rome, and decisively influenced the Italian authorities.

The minister had also written to all EEC telecommunications ministers at the end of June, urging a positive response to Mercury's approaches in the name of competition.

The Italian deal is the first switched service agreement Mercury has concluded with a European country, and breaks the effective cartel that has operated between BT and the mainly state-owned Continental operators.

Mercury generates more than 1.5 per cent of telephone traffic between Britain and Italy, but has to date been obliged to hand it over to BT, gaining nothing from the business.

Mr Owen noted that Europe accounted for some 40 per cent of telecommunications traffic to and from Britain.

Set up as a rival to the privatized BT, Mercury, a wholly owned subsidiary of Cable and Wireless, has previously concluded public switching agreements with the United States, Canada, Australia, Hong Kong, Bahrain, Bermuda and Belize.

Talks on Harvard future break down

By Cliff Feltham

Talks have broken down between Harvard Securities, the controversial share dealing firm, and a consortium headed by Mr David Wickins, the former boss of British Car Auction Group.

There was no indication last night of who pulled out, but a key member of the consortium was Mr Michael Ashcroft, head of the Hawley Group, who is understood to have cooled on the deal.

Mr Tom Wilmot, the chairman and one of the founders of Harvard, had been expected to resign this week and sell his 37 per cent share stake to make way for Mr Wickins.

But in a surprise announcement last night, Harvard said those discussions had been discontinued. "However, further talks continue, but due to the nature of the discussions it has been decided to ask for the shares to be suspended for a further two weeks. The directors wish to reassure shareholders that this action is in their best interests."

Mr Wilmot, who was in New York, was said to be excited by the new developments, although disappointed that he would not be working with Mr Wickins and Mr Ashcroft, whose Hawley Group took over British Car Auction Group earlier this year.

Mr Wilmot said he was "confident that if current negotiations are successfully concluded, shareholders and staff will be well rewarded for their patience."

Earlier this week, Mr Wickins had been enthusiastically sketching out his own plans for Harvard, saying it would end its sometimes controversial practice of cold-canvassing customers to sell shares, and become a mini-merchant bank developing young companies.

However, its future now looks cloudy. Harvard, which has never been favoured by the authorities, recently had its long-standing application for Stock Exchange membership turned down.

Membership is vital as Harvard must, under the Financial Services Act, gain authorization from a self-regulating organization to continue trading.

US jobless total falls to lowest level in 10 years

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The US unemployment rate dropped to its lowest level in a decade last month, falling to 6 per cent despite the loss of 40,000 jobs in the motor industry. At the end of the month, a record 112.7 million Americans were employed.

US officials, citing a surprisingly strong gain of 900,000 jobs since last April, said the new figures provided further evidence that the economy would avoid falling into recession this year.

President Reagan, describing the July data as remarkable news, said the continued growth of jobs represented a "breakthrough which does not occur in a hyper-inflated economy."

Service sector industries continued to provide a large percentage of new jobs with big gains last month in retail trade employment, up by 60,000 places, and business and medical service jobs up by 80,000. The sluggish manufacturing sector, which has recouped only half the jobs lost since the 1981-82 recession, also showed surprising growth last month of 70,000 positions.

The only dark spot in the 0.1 percentage point drop in the jobless rate last month was the increase in the number of people forced to accept part-time jobs in lieu of full-time positions.

A breakdown of the latest figures revealed that employment rose by 470,000 jobs last month and by 2.8 million over the past year, setting a record.

The Administration has released a new mid-year forecast of economic growth that was unchanged from the earlier projection of 3.2 per cent.

US unemployment

1987	'000s	%	Change
Feb	7,967	6.7	-56
Mar	7,854	6.6	-113
Apr	7,500	6.3	-354
May	7,548	6.3	+46
Jun	7,260	6.1	-286

Seasonally adjusted

Shortages 'hit firms'

Shortage of skilled workers is hindering the growth of small firms, according to a new survey from the Confederation of British Industry.

Mrs Jean Parket, chairman of the CBI's Smaller Firms Council, said yesterday: "The latest quarterly trends survey shows that small firms are enjoying a fast rate of growth of orders and putput, investment intentions are up, costs and prices are rising less rapidly and employment is accelerating.

But the skills shortages continue to be a problem, with machinists, welders, printers and design and electronics engineers in most demand.

Standard Chartered sells SA bank stake

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) — Standard Chartered is to sell its 39 per cent stake in South Africa's Standard Bank Investment Corporation, the South African bank said yesterday.

Standard Bank is the last foreign-controlled bank left in South Africa after a wave of disinvestment. It said the shareholding would be sold to several local companies, the general public and bank executives.

Bank officials estimated the sale at about 500 million rand (£94.87 million at the financial rand exchange rate), making it one of the biggest disinvestment moves.

The bank said in a statement that after the transaction, Liberty Holdings insurance group would own 30 per cent of the bank's shares, Old Mutual 20 per cent, Gold Fields of South Africa 10 per cent, Rembrandt Group 10 per cent, Standard Bank pension fund 5 per cent and the general public and executives 25 per cent.

The acquisition will be made at an effective price of 18.75 rand per share.

Nine months ago Barclays Bank sold its 40 per cent stake in South Africa's largest bank for 527 million rand.

Standard Bank Investment Corp's shares, suspended on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange from July 29, will be reinstated from the opening of business on Monday.

Snags hit meat group

Borthwicks, the internaitoanl meat trading group, with a chequered trading history, has run into fresh problems, and may not make a profit in the current year to September 30.

Late deleiveries of lamb from New Zealand, and fierce competition, have sent the results of the group's British meat division into a "steepening downward trend."

At the same time the shortage of livestock which affected the group's half-year trading results has been "unexpectedly prolonged," and exacerbated by an intensification of the testing procedures for imported meat by the US

As a result the pretax result for the full year "must be considerably affected, possibly to show little or no profit."

Sumrie plans cash call

By Michael Tate

One of the first tasks facing Mr David Sinclair, the chartered accountant who takes over as chairman of Sumrie Clothes, the Leeds textile company, later this month, will be to raise new cash — probably involving a rights issue.

"We have a very comfortable relationship with our bankers," he said, "and our acquisition programme will largely be financed by shares, but we will need to strengthen the balance sheet".

Sumrie, which yesterday announced a loss of £130,000 for the year ended last March, compared with a £212,000 profit in the previous year, expects to make its first acquisition within four weeks.

It also expects shortly to announce its new managing director.

Underwriters count the cost of raising cash

Nerves on edge over rights

By Colin Campbell

Rights issues suddenly became a rude phrase in town yesterday. With the stock market still nervous in the wake of Thursday's violent swings, and underwriters counting the cost of taking up new shares in WPP Group at the issue price of 875p — when yesterday they could have bought WPP shares in the market at 780p — a "hold" was called on a number of impending issues until the market steadies.

Merchant bankers said all eyes were now focused on the record £837 million being called for by Blue Arrow, and although that money is not due until late September none but the brave — or the desperate — would be trying to raise funds while the market remains volatile.

Those closely involved in the Blue Arrow issue — which is to finance its takeover bid for Manpower, the US-based employment agency — are praying that the market will recover as the payment deadline draws near. But others suggest that if the Blue Arrow issue is left on the beach, it could kill the rights market for some considerable time.

Mr Martin Sorrell, whose WPP Group raised £213 million to help fund its recent acquisition of JWT Group, the US advertising company, said from New York that he was "naturally disappointed" at the outcome of the issue. Existing shareholders took up only 34.7 per cent of the rights issue, leaving the sub-underwriters to pick up the balance. But he said that there would be no post-mortem.

"I accept that there will be a period of indigestion in the market, but you have to be philosophical, and take not a three-week but a three-year view."

Corporate finance directors admitted yesterday that a failed rights issue invariably dents a share's rating, and that in such instances companies have to work that much harder to convince institutional investors and others about prospects.

They suggest that companies wanting to raise only a modest amount for a sound acquisition or a particular development may not find it that difficult to raise the cash they need — but in current conditions they will have to argue a strong case.

However, many analysts feel that if the market continues to be unsettled, and the Blue Arrow issue struggles, then the days of mega rights issue could be numbered. Fund raisers will then have to go back to their drawing boards.

For those whose business is underwriting, and who generally expect not to have to take up stock but just collect their fees, this week's WPP outcome and the Blue Arrow issue (where sub-underwriting was completed on Tuesday morning) were sobering developments.

Because so much of the equity of WPP was left in their hands, many underwriters have limited room for fresh investments. Their funds, which they might otherwise have deployed in other avenues, are tied down, and their only hope is a swift recovery in share prices to more than the rights issue price so that they can sell.

Backing for pasta peace

The governments of the 12 European Economic Community member states ratified yesterday the pasta settlement between the EEC and the US.

The settlement, which includes a reduction of EEC subsidies on pasta exports to the US by 27.5 per cent, was reached on Wednesday but needed to be ratified by the governments before it takes effect on October 1.

It settles a seven-month dispute on EEC subsidies for pasta exports to the US and hauls the two from the brink of a trade war.

Murdoch sells first paper

Mr Rupert Murdoch has relinquished all ties with the first newspaper he owned, *The Adelaide News*, which has been sold to a group of City businessmen.

Mr Roger Holden, the paper's managing editor, joined Mr Reg Cordina, the general manager, in heading a consortium that took control of the paper from Northern Star Holdings, in which Mr Murdoch has a 15 per cent stake.

Williams buy

Rex Williams Leisure, the snooker table business where Mr Frank Warren, the boxing promoter, is taking a large stake, is buying Stourport Disc Amusements which hires amusement machines, video games, and pool tables, for £420,000.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2593.91 (-0.32)
Tokyo
Nikkei Dow ..... 24800.95 (+142.72)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 3536.19 (+38.24)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 327.5 (same)
Sydney: AO ..... 2083.7 (+0.3)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 2039.3 (+6.1)
Brussels:
General ..... 5235.5 (+20.7)
Paris: CAC ..... 410.4 (-0.1)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 592.60 (+1.80)
London: FT-A ..... n/a
FT-Gilts ..... 85.94 (-0.48)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
British Land ..... 321p (+18p)
Channel Tunnel ..... 205p (+52p)

FALLS:
Thorn EMI ..... 646p (-37p)
Oakwood Group ..... 760p (-58p)
Williams Holdings ..... 844p (-31p)
Wolseley ..... 843p (-22p)
Countryside Props ..... 280p (-23p)
Tyzack Turner ..... 465p (-28p)
Press Tools ..... 358p (-67p)
Appleyard Group ..... 415p (-33p)
T Cowie ..... 785p (-95p)
Bass ..... 885p (-28p)
Brake Bros. ..... 293p (-45p)
Ealing Electro ..... 207p (-20p)
Marina Devs. ..... 535p (-35p)
Shell ..... 1447p (-27p)
Wpp Group ..... 780p (-40p)
British & Common. ..... 499p (-20p)
Cons. Gold ..... 1370p (-40p)
RTZ ..... 1245p (-65p)
Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%
3-month interbank 10¼-10⅜%
3-month eligible bills: 9⅞-9 27/32%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8¼%
Federal Funds 6 9/16%
3-month Treasury Bills 5.85-5.84%
30-year bonds 97 1/32-97 2/32

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.5655	£: $1.5675
£: DM2.9580	$: DM1.8890
£: SwFr2.4584	$: SwFr1.5715
£: FFr9.8627	$: FFr6.3040
£: Yen237.25	$: Yen151.55
£: Index:72.0	$: Index:104.9
ECU £0.700865	SDR £0.798614

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $464.00 pm-$464.10
close $463.00-463.50 (£295.25-295.75)
New York:
Comex $463.00-463.50

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sept) pm$19.60 bbl ($19.65)
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STOCK MARKET

Big casualties as slide continues

By Our City Staff

Stock markets had another traumatic trading session yesterday as share prices succumbed to heavy selling pressure in the wake of Thursday's surprise rise in bank base rates.

Fears of further increases in the cost of borrowing if forthcoming trade returns and banking figures make a grim showing had market-makers cutting prices sharply in attempts to stem a flood of selling orders.

Inevitably, rumours of dealers and firms in financial difficulty went the rounds due to the sudden change in sentiment, but the Stock Exchange was quick to refute the stories later in the day.

Although a half-hearted rally after-hours helped to trim some of the heavier losses as some brave souls moved in for the new account, there were still some big casualties to be found in most sectors.

Consumer-led issues such as stores, foods, buildings, breweries and properties were particularly vulnerable.

Shares began tumbling from the opening, completely ignoring a 27-point overnight jump on Wall Street. By 11am the FT-SE 100 share index was showing a further 65-point drop from its overnight levels.

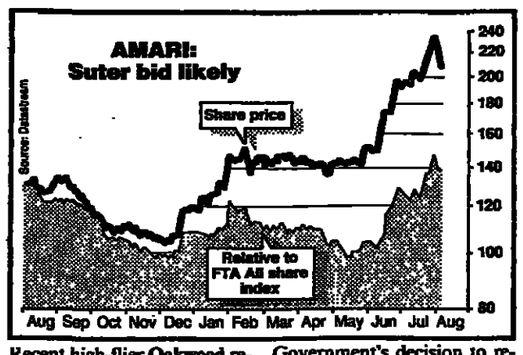
The increase in orders was putting a severe strain on the new Seaq computer system which has not really been tested on the downside since last October's Big Bang. The FT-SE 100 share index later cut its fall to 35.2 when it closed at 2,226.2, mainly due to technical factors. The FT 30 share index finished the day at 1,726.9, down 27.2.

Government stocks kept comparatively calm after Thursday's three-point losses, but further falls of half a point were attributed to the conventional stocks while index-linked issues retreated more than £1 on inflationary worries.

One or two of the international leaders such as **Glaxo**, up 7p to 1,717p, were supported by Wall Street's influence, but others such as **Thorn EMI** dropped 37p to 646p and **Lucas** 20p to 699p.

Storehouse remained one of the day's most active counters trading 17 million shares, but takeover speculation failed to stem profit-taking and the shares closed at 358p, down 15p, having touched 343p in early trading.

Among builders and engineering groups, **Williams Holdings** dipped 31p to 844p and **Wolsley** 22p to 643p.



Recent high-flier **Oakwood** retreated 58p more to 760p.

There was some heart-searching among underwriters for the huge **Blue Arrow** rights issue announced earlier this week. Thursday's flop by **WPP Group** increased the nervousness. WPP lost another 40p to 780p while Blue Arrow plunged below 800p at one stage before recovering to 810p, down 30p, still well below the 830p rights issue price.

British Aerospace fell 12p to 490p disappointed with the Government's decision to refer the planned merger between British Airways and British Caledonian. BAe was hoping to benefit from a big aircraft order from B-Cal if the merger went through.

Among the few stocks to resist the general trend was **Amare**, up 3p to 210p, as Suter raised its holding to over 17 per cent, increasing the likelihood of a full bid.

Takeover rumours also stimulated **JH Fenner** at 212p, up 6p. **Davies and Metcalfe** hardened 2p to 68p in recognition of the profits recovery.

The recent cautious circular from Phillips and Drew continued to weigh heavily on **Amstrad**, 8p lower at 147p. STC lost 12p more to 264p as dealers continued to worry about a possible ITT stake sale.

Saville Gordon gave up 10p to 123p ahead of next Wednesday's results and **BBA Group**, reporting interim figures on Monday, declined 11p to 203p. BZW, the broker, is looking for £19 million for the first half against £12.4 million last time.

Fading hopes of a takeover left **Appleyard** 33p lower at 415p. Recent bumper profits and scrip proposals failed to stem further profit-taking in **T Cowie**, 95p down at 785p.

Weak breweries had **Bass** down 28p to 885p while among leisure shares **Ladbroke** eased 14p to 420p ahead of figures later this month.

Dull foods featured **Brake Bros** at 203p, down 45p, after recent speculative strength.

The prospect of a Dutch merger did little for Mr Robert Maxwell's **BPCC**, down 15p to 320p.

Reports that **Standard Chartered Bank** had sold its stake in Stanbic of South Africa came too late to affect the share price, down 13p to 770p. Other banks were similarly easier, but insurances rallied well from initial uncertainty ahead of next week's statements from **Commercial Union** and **General Accident**.

In properties **British Land** jumped 18p to 321p on revived hopes of a Far Eastern bid.

Mercantile House shares were little changed at 562p following the increased and agreed terms worth 600p from **British & Commonwealth**. **RTZ** remained on offer at 1245p, down 65p, still smarting from a recent cautious circular.

Newcomer **J Gardner** chose the wrong day to come to market recording a 3p discount to the 60p placing price.

● **FRANKFURT:** The rally in West German shares extended through its fourth straight session as share prices rose across a broad front on the Frankfurt stock exchange yesterday, brokers said.

The Commerzbank index closed up 6.1 at 2,039.3.

The dollar's continued strength despite days of intervention by central banks aimed at reversing the US unit's rise as well as renewed international interest in the West German market were backing up equities, brokers said.

Do not be put off by Argyll Group because of fears over contamination of food at its Safeways stores. The shares have underperformed the market since the results and at current levels are starting to look excellent value, according to County NatWest, the broker.

WALL STREET

Dow edges higher as blue chips recover

New York (Reuter) — Wall Street share prices remained mixed in early trading yesterday after a higher opening.

Blue chip issues recovered most of their earlier losses, however, after bumping into profit-taking.

The Dow Jones industrial average edged up 3.03 to 2,597.26 at one stage when the transport indicator rose 6.45 to 1,080.48 and the utilities average was up 0.11 to 204.24.

Advancing issues continued to lead declining shares.

Economists said higher-than-expected gains in employment could raise concern at the Federal Reserve about an overly strong economy.

Technology issues were higher with Cray up 1¼ at 111¼.

● **Vortec Corporation said in Cincinnati, Ohio, it had decided to sell or otherwise dispose of its durable medical equipment business, leaving only its original industrial business.**

	Aug 06	Aug 05		Aug 06	Aug 05		Aug 06	Aug 05
AMR Cp	63¾	63¼	Firestone	46¼	45¾	Pepsico	39¼	38¾
ASA	68⅝	68	Fst Chicago	51½	50¾	Pfizer	74	72¾
Aetna Life	58¾	57½	Fst Int Bncp	59¼	58½	Phelps Dod	46¼	46¾
Allied Signal	46⅞	46¾	Fst Penn C	10¾	10¾	Philip Mor	99⅝	98¾
Allis Chim	2¾	2¾	FT Wachva	38¾	38¾	Philip Pet	17¾	17¾
Alcoa	59⅝	60¼	Ford Motor	104¾	105¼	Polaroid	33¾	33½
Amax Inc	26¾	27⅜	GAF Cp	55½	55¼	Primerica	47¾	46½
AMR Hess	39½	40¼	GTE Cp	42¾	41⅝	Procr Gble	97¾	95
Am Brands	51½	50¾	Gen Cp	112	111	Pub Svc E	24¾	24½
Am Cynmd	53¾	52¾	Gn Dynam	70¼	70¼	Raytheon	81¾	80⅞
Am Ele Pwr	26⅞	26½	Gen Electric	60¾	58⅞	Rynlds Met	50¼	51¾
Amerx	37¾	36½	Gen Inst	39	39¾	Rockwell Int	28¾	28
Am Home	92	91¼	Gen Mills	55¾	55¾	Royal Dutch	137½	139¾
Am Motor	n.a	n.a	Gen Motors	87¾	88¾	SFE Sopac	52½	52
Am Stand	50¼	49¼	Gen Pub Ut	26¾	26½	Sara Lee	44¾	44¾
Am Telph	33½	32¾	Genesco	5¾	5¾	Schlumb	49¾	49¾
Amoco Cp	83¾	86	Georgia Pac	46¾	45¼	Scott Pap	79¾	79
Armco Steel	12¾	13	Gillette	41¼	40¾	Seagram	80	79¾
Asarco Inc	30¾	31½	Goodrich	57¾	56	Sears Roeb	55¾	54¾
Ashland Oil	68¾	68¾	Goodyear	73¾	73¼	Shell Trans	93	94½
Atl Richfld	94¾	95¾	Gould Inc	22¾	21¾	Singer	46⅝	47
Avon Prod	36	36¾	Grace Co	70¾	71¼	Smith Beck	70¼	70¾
Bk Boston	31¾	31¾	Grt Atl Pac	39¼	38¾	Sony Cp	33¾	33¾
Bank NY	41¾	41¾	Greyhnd	40¾	40¾	Sth Cal Edi	31¾	31¾
Bankamer	11¾	11¾	Gruman	29¾	29¾	SW Bell	39¾	39
Bkrs Tst NY	46¾	47¾	Gulf & West	86	86¾	Squibb	87½	86¾
Beth Steel	17¾	17¾	Heinz	49½	48¾	Starf Drug	65¾	64¾
Boeing	52¾	52	Hercules	65¾	65¾	Stevens Jp	48¾	48
Boise Casc	80	79¾	Hewlet Pk	65	63¾	Sun Comp	64	64½
Borden	61¾	61½	Honeywell	86¾	84¾	TRW Inc	61¾	60¾
Borg Warnr	n.a	n.a	IC Ind	36¾	36¾	Teledyne	365¾	382¾
Bristl Meyr	51¾	49¾	ITT Cp	64¾	63¾	Tenneco	53¾	54
BP	73½	76¾	INCO	21¾	21¾	Texaco	45¾	45¾
Brunswick	28¾	28¾	Ing Rand Wr	41	40¾	Tex Eastn	38¾	39¾
Burl Ind	76¾	76¾	Inland Steel	32½	33	Texas Inst	65¾	62¾
Burl Nth	81½	80¾	Ibm	163¼	160¼	Tex Util	31¾	31½
CBS	188¾	188¾	Int Paper	61¼	49¾	Textron	36¾	35¾
Cms Engy	16¾	16¾	Irving Bk	48¾	48	Travelers	45¾	45¾
CPC Int	56¾	55¾	Jhsn & Jhsn	97¾	96½	USG	39¾	38¾
CSX Cp	38¾	37¾	K Mart	45¾	45¾	USX Cp	37¼	36¾
Cmpbell Sp	65	65¼	Kaisertech	21¾	21½	Unilever Plc	42¾	43¾
Can Pacific	21½	20¾	Kerr McGee	40¾	40¾	Un Carbide	28¼	27¾
Caterpillar	64¾	63¾	Kimbrly Clrk	58¾	56½	Un Pac Cp	83¼	83¾
Centrl SW	30¾	30¾	Kraft	60	59½	Unisys Cp	44¾	44¾
Champion	39¾	39¼	Krogar	38¾	37¾	Utd Brands	39¾	39
Chase Man	41¾	41¾	LTV Cp	5¼	4¾	Utd Tech	57¾	57¾
Chem NY	39¾	40¾	Litton	100¾	100¾	Unocal	41½	42
Chevron	60	59¾	Lockheed	54¾	54¼	Walter Jim	60	60¾
Chrysler	39¾	39¾	Lucky Str	32¾	31¾	Warn Lamb	61¾	75¾
Citicorp	61	62¼	Man H'nwr	42¾	42¼	Wells Far	55½	55
Clark Eq	31	30¾	Manville	4	4	Westg El	70	69
Coca Cola	48¾	47¾	Mapco	58¾	57¾	Weyerhsr	53¾	53
Colgate	51½	49¾	Marine Mid	76¼	76¾	Whirlpool	36¾	35¾
Columb Gas	53½	52¾	Mt Marriets	51¾	50¾	Woolworth	55¾	55½
Cmb'tn Eng	42¾	42¾	Masco	36	35¾	Xerox Cp	75¾	73¾
Cmwlth Ed	32¾	32¾	Mcdonalds	57	56¼	Zenith	32	32¼
Cons Edis	44	43¾	McDonnell	77	76¾			
Consol Ng	45	44	Mead Cp	40½	41¼			
Cont Data	33¾	33¾	Merck	188¾	186¼			
Corning Gl	72	68	Minsta Mng	75¾	73¾			
Crane	32½	32¾	Mobil	52¾	52¾			
Curtiss Wrt	62½	62½	Monsanto	92¾	93¼			
Data Genl	33¾	32¼	Morgan Jp	47½	46¾			
Deere Co	35¾	35¾	Motorola	60¾	58¾			
Delta Air	58¼	58	NCR	77¾	76¾			
Detroit Edi	15½	15½	NL Indstrs	8½	8¾			
Digital Eq	169¾	165¼	Nat Distil	68¾	68¾			
Disney	75¾	73¾	Nat Mid Ent	29¼	29¾			
Dow Chem	93	92¼	Nat Semi	14¼	13¾			
Dresstr Ind	32¾	32¾	Norfolk Sth	34½	35			
Dupont	125¾	126¼	NW Bancrp	43¼	41¼			
Duke Pwr	45¾	44¾	Ocdl Petl	37¾	38¼			
East Kodak	96¼	95¼	Ogden Cp	37½	37¾			
Eaton Cp	100¼	100	Olin Cp	53¾	53¾			
Emerson El	117½	113¾	PPG Ind	48¾	48¼			
Emery Air	12¾	12¼	Pac Gas El	19¾	19¼			
Exxon	96¾	96¾	Pan Am	5½	5¾			
Farah Inc	16¾	16¾	Penney JC	68½	68			
Fedders	8¾	8¾	Pennzoil	73¾	72¾			

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range August 7	Market rates close August 7	1 month	3 months
N York	1.5850-1.5760	1.5850-1.5660	0.43-0.39prem	1.17-1.12prem
Montreal	2.0744-2.0662	2.0744-2.0773	0.29-0.06prem	0.82-0.39prem
Amst'dam	3.3272-3.3403	3.3272-3.3317	1¾-1¼prem	4-3¾prem
Brussels	61 35-61.57	61.35-61.47	22-15prem	60-49prem
C'phgen	11 2484-11 2929	11.2484-11.2713	⅛prm-¼dis	1½-2¼dis
Dublin	1.1044-1.1086	1.1050-1.1060	18-5prem	18-5prem
Frankfurt	2.9563-2.9676	2.9563-2.9605	1¾-1¼prem	4¾-4prem
Lisbon	229.27-231 67	229.27-230.20	47-105dis	230-321dis
Madrid	200.95-201.39	200.95-201.39	61-94dis	221-270dis
Milan	2141.31-2150.45	2141.31-2145.81	3-6dis	8-15dis
Oslo	10.7782-10.8476	10.7782-10.8007	3-4¼dis	10¾-12¼dis
Paris	9.8595-9.8884	9.8595-9.8615	1⅝-1¾prem	4¼-3⅝prem
St'khlm	10.2946-10.3408	10.2946-10.3121	1⅜-⅝prem	2-⅜prem
Tokyo	237.02-238.45	237.02-237.41	1-1⅛prem	3¾-3¼prem
Vienna	20.76-20.86	20.77-20.80	10¾-9¾ prem	29¾-27¾ prem
Zurich	2.4539-2.4641	2.4602-2.4641	1½-1¼prem	3¾-3¾prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 72.0 (day's range 71.9-72.1).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	3.1549-3.1696
Australia dollar	2.2388-2.2417
Bahrain dinar	0.5920-0.5960
Brazil cruzado*	72.3167-72.7253
Cyprus pound	0.77-0.78
Finland markka	7.1425-7.1825
Greece drachma	222.75-224.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.2374-12.2369
India rupee	20.54-20.74
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4480-0.4520
Malaysia dollar	3.9848-3.9890
Mexico peso	2230.0-2280.0
New Zealand dollar	2.7275-2.7341
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8875-5.9275
Singapore dollar	3.3106-3.3146
S Africa rand (fin)	5.2233-5.3153
S Africa rand (com)	3.2443-3.2532
U A E dirham	5.7650-5.8050

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4220-1.4250
Singapore	2.1130-2.1140
Malaysia	2.5430-2.5440
Australia	0.6995-0.7005
Canada	1.3255-1.3265
Sweden	6.5725-6.5775
Norway	6.8950-6.9000
Denmark	7.1900-7.1950
West Germany	1.8880-1.8887
Switzerland	1.5690-1.5700
Netherlands	2.1250-2.1260
France	6.2800-6.2850
Japan	151.35-151.45
Italy	1368.0-1369.0
Belgium(Comm)	39.15-39.20
Hong Kong	7.8095-7.8105
Portugal	146.80-147.30
Spain	128.30-128.40
Austria	13.27-13.29

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	7,500	English China	1,200	Rank Org	650
Amstrad	6,600	Fisons	5,500	Rank Hovis	776
Argyll	2,800	Gen Accident	384	Redland	1,900
ASDA-MFI	6,800	GEC	14,000	Reckitt Colman	88
Ass Br Foods	785	GKN	2,600	Reed Int	5,500
BET	1,500	Glaxo	3,100	Reuters	1,300
BTR	4,800	Globe IT	1,000	RMC Group	219
BAT	2,400	Granada	233	RTZ	2,200
Barclays	2,600	Grand Met	2,200	Rolls-Royce	10,000
Bass	1,000	GUS 'A'	467	Rowntree	750
Beecham	3,300	GRE	230	Royal B of Scot	70
Blue Circle	1,000	Guinness	3,300	Royal Ins	2,900
BOC	797	Hammerson 'A'	607	Sastchl	942
Boots	4,500	Hanson	26,000	Sainsbury (J)	1,300
BPB Ind	425	Hawker Siddeley	956	Sears	6,700
BPCC	6,500	Hillsdown	3,300	Sedgwick Gp	1,600
Br Aerospace	2,100	Imp Chem Ind	3,500	Shell	3,500
Br Airways	10,000	Jaguar	652	Smith & Nephew	3,400
Brit Comm	3,000	Ladbroke	1,700	STC	6,000
Br Gas	13,000	Land Securities	3,900	Stan Chart	233
Br Petroleum	17,000	Legal & Gen	1,300	Storehouse	14,000
Br Telecom	16,000	Lloyds	1,100	Sun Alliance	735
Britoil	5,800	Lonhro	5,000	Tarmac	3,400
Bunzl	377	Marks & Spencer	8,000	TSB P/P	3,400
Burton	3,500	MEPC	1,500	Tesco	4,800
Cable & Wireless	6,100	Midland	3,300	Thorn EMI	2,000
Cadbury Schwep	3,600	Nat West	2,400	Trafalgar House	1,300
Coats Viyella	1,000	Next	2,600	Trusthouse Forte	2,700
Com Union	2,300	P & O Dfrd	479	Ungate	626
Cons Goldfields	1,000	Pearson	1,700	Unilever	3,000
Cookson Gp	383	Pilkington Bros	1,100	Utd Biscuits	1,400
Courtaulds	1,500	Plessey	10,000	Wellcome	1,300
Dee Corp	5,200	Prudential	519	Whitbread 'A'	1,600
Dixons Gp	3,200	Racal Elect	7,100	Woolworth	1,600

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Sep 87	89.75	89.75	89.60	89.64	5040
Dec 87	89.65	89.70	89.55	89.58	1639
Mar 88	89.73	89.73	89.61	89.63	332
Jun 88	89.60	89.65	89.60	89.61	37
Sep 88	89.70	89.70	89.55	89.53	18
Dec 88	89.60	89.60	89.55	89.45	32
Mar 89	89.40	89.45	89.40	89.37	16
Jun 89	NT	----	----	89.22	0
		Previous day's total open interest 17480			
Three Month Eurodollar					
Sep 87	92.75	92.77	92.69	92.74	1989
Dec 87	92.31	92.32	92.21	92.25	1615
Mar 88	92.01	92.01	91.90	91.94	207
Jun 88	91.74	91.74	----	91.68	48
Sep 88	NT	----	----	91.46	0
Dec 88	NT	----	----	91.26	0
Mar 89	NT	----	----	91.07	0
Jun 89	NT	----	----	90.89	0
		Previous day's total open interest 31195			
US Treasury Bond					
Sep 87	89-00	89-06	88-16	88-27	7082
Dec 87	88-00	88-00	87-31	87-28	6
Mar 88	NT	----	----	----	
		Previous day's total open interest 7158			
Long Gilt					
Sep 87	115-10	115-26	114-20	115-23	33377
Dec 87	115-00	115-21	114-27	115-26	96
Mar 88	NT	----	----	----	
Jun 88	NT	----	----	----	
Sep 88	NT	----	----	----	
		Previous day's total open interest 34103			
FT-SE 100					
Sep 87	224.60	226.30	222.10	223.90	3568
Dec 87	228.30	228.30	226.10	228.40	4
		Previous day's total open interest 7001			
Japanese Government Bond					
Sep 87	104.25	104.40	104.17	104.33	841
Dec 87	NT	----	----	103.93	0
		Previous day's total open interest 875			

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

BAA (245p)	132 –3
Britannia Gp	161 –2
Babygro	159 –1
Caradon (250p)	335 –12
Caudon	29½ –3
Cook (DC) (92p)	170 –5
Debenham Tewson	205 –10
Derwent Valley	710
Econ Forestry	121 –4
Glamar Gp	245
Graham Motor Gp (140p)	173 –3
Harland Simon	193 –2
Hey & Croft (63p)	165 –3
Kentish Prop (195p)	223 –5
Kingsgrove (140p)	195 –2
Kingston Oil (100p)	120 –15
Knobs Knockers	155 +2
Lancaster (165p)	226 –2
March Group	136 –3
Parkway	260 –3
Pickwick	208 –5
Rolls-Royce (85p)	107 –6
Ross Consumer (165p)	234 +2
Rural Plan	96 –5
Shelton (Martin) (150p)	78 –2
UPL Gp	143
USDC Inv	165 –1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Acsis Jewl N/P	190 –25
Baynes (Chrles) N/P	86 –15

Benchmark N/P 19
Brent Walker N/P 8 –3
Floyd Oil N/P 2
Glentree N/P 65 –20
Irish Wire N/P 170
Lorlin Elec N/P 46
Norton Opax N/P ¾ –¼
Tiphook N/P 80

(Issue price in brackets).

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings August 3	Last Dealings August 14	Last Declaration November 5	For Settlement November 16

Call options were taken out on: 7/8/87 Grainger Trust, Stakis, Unigate, Ellis & Goldstein, Amstrad, Petrocon, Hampson Trust, Dee Corp., Storehouse, Abeco, Kellock Trust, Astra Holdings, United Biscuits, Bejam, Rolls-Royce, Norfolk Cap, Gold & Base, Bristol Channel, Cluff Oil, Eagle Trust, Raximore, Dares Estates, STC, ET Sutherland, Norton Opax, BBA, Cambian Venture.

Puts: Central & Sheerwood, Woolworth, Ossory Estates, Rotaprint, Suter, ASDA-MFI, Manling Inds., Control Secs., C Baynes, Property Trust.

Puts & Calls: Amstrad, C Baynes.

MONEY & GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 10
Finance House 9½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 8½ Low 6¾
Week fixed: 8¾

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying Selling
2 mnth 9¼ 2 mnth 9⅛
3 mnth 9¼ 3 mnth $9^{13}/_{16}$

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 9¾-9½ 2 mnth 9¾-$9^{11}/_{16}$
3 mnth 9¾-$9^{23}/_{32}$ 6 mnth 9¾-$9^{21}/_{32}$

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10¾ 2 mnth 10½
3 mnth 10½ 6 mnth 10½

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 8¾ close 7½
1 week 9¾-9 6 mnth $10^{5}/_{16}$-$10^{3}/_{16}$
1 mnth 9¾-8¾ 9 mnth $10^{7}/_{16}$-$10^{5}/_{16}$
3 mnth 10¼-10¼ 12 mth $10^{9}/_{16}$-$10^{7}/_{16}$

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 8¾ 7 days 8¾
1 mnth 9¾ 3 mnth 9¾
6 mnth 9¾ 12 mth 9¾

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 9¾-9¾ 2 mnth $10^{1}/_{16}$-$9^{13}/_{16}$
3 mnth 10¼-9¾ 6 mnth 10¼-9¾
9 mnth 10¼-10 12 mth 9¾-9¾

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 9¾-$9^{15}/_{16}$ 3 mnth $10^{1}/_{16}$-$10^{1}/_{16}$
6 mnth 10¼-10¼ 12 mth $10^{1}/_{16}$-$10^{1}/_{16}$

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.85-6.80 3 mnth 6.95-6.90
6 mnth 7.20-7.15 12 mth 7.80-7.75

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	call	7-6	
7 days	6¾-6¾	1 mnth	6¾-6¾
3 mnth	7-6½	6 mnth	$7^{1}/_{16}$-$7^{1}/_{16}$
Deutschemark	call	4-3	
7 days	3¾-3¾	1 mnth	3¾-3¾
3 mnth	4-3⅞	6 mnth	4¼-4⅛
French Franc	call	8¼-7⅛	
7 days	7¾-7¾	1 mnth	7¾-7¾
3 mnth	$8^{1}/_{16}$-$8^{1}/_{16}$	6 mnth	$8^{11}/_{16}$-$8^{9}/_{16}$
Swiss Franc	call	1¾-⅝	
7 days	2-1¾	1 mnth	3¾-3¾
3 mnth	$3^{13}/_{16}$-$3^{11}/_{16}$	6 mnth	4-3¾
Yen	call	3¾-2¾	
7 days	$3^{7}/_{16}$-$3^{5}/_{16}$	1 mnth	$3^{11}/_{16}$-$3^{9}/_{16}$
3 mnth	4¼-4	6 mnth	4¼-4⅛

BULLION

Gold:$463.00-463.50
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 462.00-465.00 (£294.50-296.50)
Maple leaf (per 1 ounce coin):
$ 474.00-479.00 (£302.00-305.00)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 108.50-109.50 (£69.25-70.00)
Platinum
$ 610.00 (£388.55)
Silver
$ 8.01-8.04 (£5.1050-5.1200)

TREASURY BILLS

Applics: £1,104M allotted: £300M
Bids: £97.56% received: 42%
Last week: £97.77% received: 98%
Avge rate: £9.7668% last wk £8.9371%
Next week: £300M replace £100M

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 31, 1987. Agreed rates for period August 28, 1987 to September 22, 1987. Scheme I: 10.53 per cent. Schemes II & III: 10.49 per cent. Reference rate for period July 1, 1987 to July 31, 1987. Scheme IV: 9.238 per cent.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Allied Lyons (*401)	390	32	40	—	13	18	—
	420	18	30	38	30	35	37
	460	5	15	25	62	67	70
British Airways (*143)	140	15	25	28	10	15	18
	160	8	16	19	22	30	31
	180	3½	9	13	42	44	45
Britsh Comm (*489)	500	30	48	63	23	33	38
	550	13	25	38	60	63	68
	600	4	10	22	103	105	107
Britsh Gas (*173)	165	20	28	—	7	11	—
	180	10	18	23	15	19	23
	200	4	11	15	32	37	39
BP (*372)	360	32	43	55	18	28	32
	390	19	33	44	35	41	47
	420	9	20	32	56	62	67
Britoil (*312)	300	25	34	48	18	23	28
	330	15	24	33	33	38	44
	360	8	16	25	55	60	65
Cons Gold (*1378)	1400	80	125	170	100	135	160
	1450	60	110	150	135	170	195
	1500	45	90	120	180	205	225
Courtaulds (*454)	420	48	64	—	5	9	—
	460	26	42	54	22	28	30
	500	12	24	38	46	52	56
	550	4	10	26	94	100	104
Com Union (*345)	330	31	42	—	10	16	—
	360	13	23	36	25	30	34
	390	5	16	27	41	53	56
Cable & Wire (*405)	360	58	75	87	2	18	23
	390	38	55	67	14	30	37
	420	22	40	52	33	42	52
	450	5	20	30	58	67	77
GEC (*210)	220	12	19	32	17	28	27
	240	4	12	24	32	38	38
	260	3	7	15	52	55	56
Grand Met (*531)	460	77	93	—	4	6	—
	500	47	62	—	12	18	—
	550	18	35	45	36	43	45
	600	7	18	27	77	83	85
ICI (*1498)	1400	127	173	—	20	34	—
	1450	93	140	162	32	50	67
	1500	63	112	132	53	68	87
	1550	40	88	108	82	92	110
Land Securities (*527)	500	50	66	83	15	26	28
	550	25	38	55	35	45	50
	600	10	20	37	73	78	83
Marks & Span (*236)	240	15	21	29	15	17	21
	260	7	13	19	27	28	33
	280	3	7	—	26	28	—
Rols Royce (*107)	110	10	13	18	10	13	15
	120	5	10	13	17	19	21
	130	3¾	6	—	25	27	—
	140	1½	4	—	35	35	—
Shell Trans (*1446)	1400	98	150	—	48	62	—
	1450	72	123	167	72	85	112
	1500	48	97	137	96	112	142
Trafalgar House (*370)	390	12	20	35	28	37	40
	420	6	13	20	55	60	65
	460	2	5	10	93	95	97
TSB (*84)	80	9	12	16	3¾	4½	5
	90	4½

Japanese 'suspected by US of breaking Cocom rules'

From Darryl Gibson
Tokyo

Several Japanese high-technology companies, including Konishiroku Photo Industry and affiliates of Fujitsu and Matsushita Electrical Industrial, the electronic groups, are suspected by the United States of breaking export rules of the Parisian Co-ordinating Committee which sets guidelines for Western exports to Soviet bloc countries, the Japanese Press reported yesterday.

The articles, quoting sources within the Japanese parliament, said Konishiroku, maker of Konica photographic goods and business machines; Olympic Optical; Advantest Corp, an affiliate of Fujitsu; Ulvac Corp, an affiliate of Matsushita; and Anelva Corp, an offshoot of NEC Corp, are among the companies suspected of making possibly improper exports to Warsaw Pact and other Communist countries.

Mr Noboru Hatakeyama, head of a special inquiry team set up by Mr Hajime Tamura, the Minister of International Trade and Industry, refused to confirm that the companies named by the Diet sources were being investigated by the MITI.



Hajime Tamura: inquiry into possible exports to Soviet bloc

But he did concede that the MITI would be making disclosures about its investigation of Toshiba Machine Co, which shipped milling machines to the Soviet Union against Cocom guidelines, and other companies which have been doing business with the Communist bloc.

A spokesman for Konishiroku said it was carrying out an "action plan" to ensure there were no Cocom violations when exports to the Soviet sphere are made, but he refused to say whether the MITI had questioned company officials.

Ulvac and Olympus spokesmen have denied allegations of breaking Cocom guidelines.

At Anelva Corp, a wholly-owned subsidiary of NEC, a spokesman, Mr Muneshiba Fukuda, said the company had shipped some etching machines to China, which required Cocom approval in 1985, but had not exported products to the Soviet Union. The company was not being investigated by the MITI, he added.

Advantest Corp said its shipments were limited to Western Europe and that its products were not sold to Soviet or Communist bloc countries.

But it remains to be seen what results the investigations will bring. The MITI has no authority to conduct on-site investigations of firms suspected of Cocom rule infringements and there is a "considerable gap," according to sources, between the US and Japanese view of what constitutes a Cocom violation.

Senior in purchase for £7m

By Michael Tate

Senior Engineering Group is beefing up its mining equipment operations with the £7 million acquisition of Davis Derby from the Fairey group.

Davis makes electrical signalling, control, communications and monitoring equipment for use in hazardous atmospheres.

It will fit snugly with Senior's pipes and fittings, conveyor belts and fire-fighting operations.

In 1986 Davis made profits of £1.1 million, before management and interest charges, on sales of £13.7 million. Assets are about £4 million.

The purchase price will be settled by the issue of 10.77 million new shares, which Fairey is placing at 65p each.

As a result of the deal, Davis products will be marketed through Senior's distribution networks in the US and Australia, while Senior will use Davis's South African subsidiary.

Mr Don McFarlane, Senior's chief executive, described the move as "a further important step in Senior's acquisition strategy of broadening its base in each of the industries it serves".

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Worried Sid unlikely to rock the City boat

Shares can go down as well as up. That compulsory truth familiar from unit trust advertisements has remained a strictly theoretical possibility to many British investors, who have known only instantprofits on privatization issues or tiny private share flotations in a year when average share prices rose by 50 per cent in six months.

Privatization has helped multiply the proportion of British adults owning shares from 5 per cent in 1983 to probably 20 per cent by now, well up in the world league. Thus the great majority of shareowners have only known a bull market. There have been corrections, notably in the spring of 1986. The British Telecom share price was depressed for a while on fears of Labour renationalization. But these new investors have known nothing like the sharp fall in prices which has lopped 145 points off the FT-SE 100 share index this week and wiped 9 per cent off share values since their peak three weeks ago.

This is worrying plenty of people in the City, who fear an avalanche of small selling will both hit prices and topple over the stock market's paper mountain. New investors, whether or not they match the caricature of Sid, are probably more sanguine. To start with, losses from the peak have not yet reached actual losses on subscription prices. And in practice, anyone holding a few hundred BT or British Gas shares has a much stronger incentive than bigger investors and portfolio managers to ride out the storm.

Many of the privatization issues carry one-for-ten bonuses for those who hold on. It would need a further 10 per cent fall in the market to make it worth sacrificing those. Just as important, the cost of selling (apart from special arrangements in the early days after privatization issues) is high. If the cost of buying back later is added, it might amount to nearly another 10 per cent. They were always intended to be a stabilizing force in the market.

New investors who failed to sell at the peak, or even a week ago, should therefore only be interested in selling if they think share prices are in for a long deep decline. While few are expecting any quick recovery, that is by no means yet established. Years ago, such a steep fall as we have seen would certainly evoke fears of 1929-style crashes. But the behaviour of stock markets has changed a lot recently under the influence of like-thinking institutions and instant international communication.

Increasingly, London has begun to be subject to instant corrections. Where there is a general feeling that prices have got too high, big investors are loath to miss the last juicy profits. But once the button of anxiety has been firmly pressed, prices collapse rapidly to what is generally thought to be a fair valuation — or usually just below that.

Investors in Tokyo or Hong Kong have become used to these rapid downswings, without getting into a panic. In London, people are still feeling their way.

Apart from the extra costs of dealing, there is no reason why new and small investors should not try to spot these turning points. It is a matter of feel rather than sophistication, but requires close attention to day-by-day changes and the nerve to buy back when things look bad.

But most investors in privatization issues should see themselves either as making a profit on day one or remaining as long-term investors not worrying too much about short-term price trends. That too may require nerve in the coming weeks.

Anxious wait

After the mayhem of the past two days, the market is sorely in need of some reassurance. The Persian Gulf is in the laps of Ayatollah Khomeini and President Reagan but the time for speculating about next week's economic indicators is fast running out. Producer prices on Monday may show a year on year increase as high as 9 per cent; Tuesday's balance of payments figures, the focus of much gloom, are expected to reveal a current account surplus of between £150 million and £200 million — anything more would cause much weeping and wailing; average earnings on Thursday may show an underlying rise of a scary 8 per cent; the Retail Price Index on Friday — the measure of inflation — is likely to have accelerated to 4½ per cent.

If the City's worst estimates are wrong, and the picture turns out to be less dark than projected, market sentiment could improve rapidly.

But even if calm returns, the market mood is likely to be cautious. Share prices are looking high in relation to gilt-edged. Or putting this around the other way, equities are unlikely to recover their poise and begin moving firmly ahead until gilt-edged stocks find a solid base and fixed-interest yields begin to come down.

We now live in a global market and it is impossible to consider the gilt-edged market in isolation from trends in New York, Tokyo and Frankfurt. But the gilt market can take some heart from Nigel Lawson's decision to use interest rates to curb the supply of money and credit, for he has reaffirmed the central place of low inflation in Conservative policy and also opted for as stable a pound as he can manage. If the rate of inflation starts coming down again in the autumn, as well it might, then gilts will find their form and equities take their cue from gilts.

The other practical argument for caution is the amount of new stock coming into the market. In less than two weeks half a dozen major companies have unveiled issues totalling more than £2 billion. In the current quarter, investors — or underwriters — will be putting up by way of subscriptions to rights issues more than £5 billion, which is twice the previous record in the second quarter of 1986. With calls of £1½ billion due on the British Airports, Rolls-Royce and British Airways privatization issues and the TSB wanting another £700 million in September, we are talking about another £7 billion worth of equity in the market. And the wraps have still to be taken off the mammoth BP sale.

Castings addition for TKR

By Our City Staff

Technical Component Industries, the specialist fastenings maker, is buying Kent Aerospace Castings, and will integrate it with TKR Group, its recently acquired aerospace components manufacturer.

The price is £4 million down with £350,000 more depending on profits. The first £4 million will be payable in TCI shares; the vendors will recoup £3.75 million through a placing at 448p.

At the same time, TCI is raising £4.74 million through an open offer to finance the additional payment for KAC, £1.7 million for the lease on TKR's premises and clearing a £600,000 bank overdraft.

As a result of the two issues the share capital will be increased by 50 per cent. Existing shareholders will be offered the new shares on a one-for-two basis at 448p.

KAC manufactures high quality precision magnesium and aluminium castings used in the aerospace and racing car industries. Last year it made profits of £485,000 on a turnover of £4.2 million and yesterday TCI announced interim pretax profits of £325,000, against £173,000. the interim dividend rises to 1.75p from 1.5p.

'Dynamic' financial sector may raise interest rates

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

The financial sector contributes a higher proportion of national output in Britain than in any other industrial country within the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, according to the latest OECD report on the British economy.

It is among the most dynamic sectors of the economy and has maintained an importance in world financial markets far exceeding that of Britain's economic base, a special study concludes. But the success of the financial sector could deter investment in industry by requiring higher interest rates.

Financial institutions and insurance companies alone accounted for 7.5 per cent of gross domestic product in 1985, compared with 5.9 per cent 10 years previously. The proportion is thought to have increased further since then.

The same sectors accounted for 4.7 per cent in the United States, 5.7 per cent in West Germany and 6.9 per cent in Switzerland in 1985.

A broader definition of the financial sector, taking in business and property services, shows its output has grown by 60 per cent over the decade compared with about 20 per cent for the economy as a whole.

While financial institutions account for only 3.5 per cent of employment, this share is among the highest and fastest rising of all OECD member countries.

But the report gives a warning that problems remain and that liberalization has made monetary control harder.

The report also gives a warning that liberalization and the relative size of the financial sector may have increased interest rates relative to other countries. It says this may have prejudiced real investment and growth.

The cost of capital appears to have continued to exceed the average rate of return on companies' fixed assets, the OECD says. This may explain why — unusually in the OECD — the corporate sector has been a net lender, investing to a considerable extent in financial assets rather than in physical capital. The high level of spending on takeover bids could also have "worrying" effects on real investment.

Jump in top financial positions

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Executive job opportunities in Britain in finance and accounting have risen by more than a third since 1984, according to the latest survey by MSL International, the recruitment agency.

The MSL index, which has been monitoring demand for senior managerial, technical and professional staff for the last 25 years, also shows that top appointments in research, development and design are continuing to fall in Britain and are down 24 per cent on last year and 57 per cent down on 1983.

MSL said that in the last decade there had been a marked proliferation of professional specialists operating within senior management in industry and commerce. They included economists, statisticians, tax experts, specialists in logistics and operations research, corporate planners and management consultants.

Comet sold to Yellow Advertiser

By Cliff Feltham

Yellow Advertiser Newspaper Group, the largest independent publisher of free newspapers in the country, is paying £2 million to buy the outstanding 75 per cent of Comet Newspapers.

Comet publications have a total weekly distribution of 600,000 copies in south London and surrounding areas, including Croydon, Sutton, Epsom, Bromley, Bexley, Lewisham, Southwark and Lambeth.

Mr Ian Fletcher, the chairman of Yellow Advertiser, said: "Comet is a valuable acquisition and we are delighted to be able to play a bigger part in its growth.

"The Comet titles complement our own in a geographical sense."

The latest acquisition means Yellow Advertiser will now publish more than 2 million newspapers every week.

Fourteen of its titles are under the Yellow Advertiser flag and circulate in Essex and east London and 10 Informer titles are distributed in north and west London.

Yellow Advertiser has owned a 25 per cent stake in Comet since 1985.

TEMPUS

B&C should have the last word

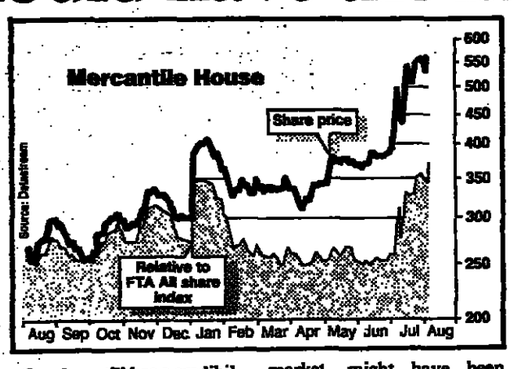
Yesterday's increased offer by British & Commonwealth for Mercantile House should be the last one that shareholders in the financial services group receive.

The way in which both Mercantile, Quadrex and their respective advisers handled the situation will doubtless be the subject of continuing debate.

But it is hard to see how, after the statement from the independent directors of the Oppenheimer mutual funds, that Mr Gary Klesch can return with a higher offer. The timing of the statement could hardly have been better. However, Mr John Barkshire, the Mercantile chairman, was adamant that it was entirely unsolicited.

It must be remembered that there has only ever been one party — B&C — which put a formal offer for Mercantile House on the table. B&C had the advantage of coming first, a great advantage in view of the delicacy of seeking approval from the directors of the mutual funds.

But even if Quadrex had been first in line, there must be some question whether it would have captured its prize given the considerations the Oppenheimer directors must take on a change of ownership in order to satisfy their legal duties to the mutual funds.



Quadrex still has a credibility hurdle to overcome. Its motives in approaching Mercantile will be questioned by some.

However, it bought 1.3 million shares at prices of up to 560p a share yesterday and it does not seem to have made "serious money" on its current shareholding of about 6 per cent in the company.

Privatizations

Who thought investing on the stock market was all a bed of roses?

Not so long ago the growing population of private investors, swept along by the Government's privatization programme and the gravity-defying behaviour of the market, might have been forgiven for thinking so.

But the reality of equity investment has been brought home to them with a crash.

The tendency of shares to go down as well as up has been disguised for so long that coping with a falling market is something of a novelty to amateurs and professionals alike.

But there is a danger in forgetting that the fundamentals are very different now to the dark days of 1973-74. Drawing too-close comparisons between now and then could exacerbate the situation and induce all-out panic.

Débutant investors will hold a majority of privatization stocks. Few were billed as the sexiest stocks around but some have more noticeable defensive qualities than others.

There have been worries that foreign investors have overstepped the 15 per cent limit for Rolls-Royce and may have to push stock back into the market. But the fundamentals remain sound; the diversification strategy alone makes the shares an interesting hold.

Sid may feel less relaxed about British Gas as it is a volatile investment, tracking the market now. Defensive characteristics are not to the fore, leaving its high yield its only saving grace.

But British Telecom has held up well, helped by foreign buying. A steady earnings profile makes this a safe if unremarkable share.

Dull first-quarter figures and the now referred bid for British Caledonian have shaken out weak British Airways holders but developments on BCal may send the price lower.

A newcomer, British Airports Authorities, has held its own. But as a straight utility, with little to make it stand out in a crowd, it may do no more than move with the market.

Small shareholders should be prudent and not panic. Remember that in the past private investors have usually made the mistake of being the last to sell.

Directors at Ealing to keep stakes

By Ray Heath

Directors of Ealing Electro-Optics, which designs and manufactures high-precision optical equipment, told shareholders yesterday that they would be retaining their shares in the company, which is facing a 154p offer from Sagemill.

An exception is Mr Mervyn Williams, the chairman, who will be disposing of half his shares, either to Sagemill or in the stock market.

Most existing shareholders have undertaken not to accept the bid, made for technical reasons. The remainder, with 19 per cent, are advised to accept the bid only if they have doubts about the involvement of Sagemill, which has undertaken to maintain a 29.9 per cent stake in EE-O.

Belhaven in buoyant mood

Mr Raymond Miquel, chairman of Belhaven, the brewery group, told shareholders at yesterday's annual meeting he was confident of expansion.

He said the £2.4 million programme to treble output at the Dunbar brewery in Lothian to 100,000 barrels a year was due to be finished in October. The recent launch of new products, including a lager, had resulted in "satisfactory sales to date".

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Imro plans referee for investors' complaints

By Lawrence Lever

The Investment Management Regulatory Organization (Imro) — the body which will police the large fund management institutions when the Financial Services Act comes into force — is to set up a referee system to handle complaints from investors.

The referee will be wholly independent of Imro although the costs of the system will be paid by Imro, not the investor. The referee will deal with complaints involving up to £100,000.

He will in the first place attempt to resolve any dispute by conciliation and if that fails will, with the consent of the parties involved, act as an adjudicator whose decision will be finally binding on both sides.

● KALAMAZOO: The company has sold its subsidiary, Kalamazoo Hospitality Systems, to Computerized Lodging Systems of California.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
0345 717373 (Lin/Line)				
Gilt & Fixed	110.3	117.3		-1.8 10.23
High Inc Equity	139.3	148.0●	-4.3	3.49
Worldwide Bond	165.2	197.6●	+1.0	4.91
American Growth	185.6	197.6	+1.0	0.65
Asian Pacific	92.6	98.5	+1.1	0.90
Assets & Sales	182.9	195.9	-5.5	1.14
Capital Reserve	71.79	72.89	-1.16	3.30
Comm & Energy	199.3	212.0	-0.4	0.42
European Capital	98.9	105.2	+0.6	0.71
General	189.8	201.9●	--	2.23
Japan	97.8	93.4	-1.5	--
UK Growth Inc	183.5	196.5	-4.7	1.00
Do Accum	275.3	292.8	+1.1	0.69
US Emerging Co's	61.7	65.6●	+0.8	1.66
Income & Growth	202.0	322.7	-7.5	2.18
MasterInst Acc	89.3	95.9	-0.6	1.41
American Inc	54.3	57.7●	+0.4	4.54
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE				
01-837 6494				
Europe Growth Acc	133.6	142.3	+0.3	0.70
Exempt	442.4	468.6●	-5.0	3.72
Far Eastern	255.3	273.0	+3.9	0.10
Fin & Prop	104.1	110.3●	-1.7	1.91
High Yield	85.9	91.0	+1.1	5.81
Income & Gth	351.7	372.6●	-5.9	3.36
Ind Earnings	233.5	247.3	-3.7	1.70
Intl Growth Inc	115.0	122.5	+0.8	1.30
Japan Growth Acc	142.9	152.8	+4.3	0.26
Nth Amer Gth Inc	153.9	164.6●	+0.6	0.62
Preference Inc	125.1	132.5	--	9.45
Small Co's Gth Inc	106.2	112.5●	-1.1	1.69
Small Co's Gth	390.5	417.7●	-5.9	0.82
Special Sits Inc	200.6	212.5	-2.1	0.64
UK Growth	470.0	497.9●	-7.4	2.07
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS				
20, Creswell Street, London EC1				
01-374 6801				
American	56.77	60.48	--	1.56
Australian	34.3	36.5	--	1.01
Belgian & General	142.2	157.7c	--	0.93
High Income	68.6	73.0	--	4.30
International Trust	114.8	122.2●	--	0.66
Income Gth Tst	76.9	81.8●	--	3.37
Gilts & Fixed Int	22.2	23.6	--	10.04
Global Markets	46.1	49.1	--	4.07
Special Situations	79.8	84.9	--	1.09
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7				
01-534 5544				
Capital	98.9	102.5●	--	2.09
European Gth Inc	76.9	83.4c	--	1.19
Extra Income	110.4	118.6	--	3.71
General	201.7	213.4	--	2.21
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.3	59.1c	--	9.77
Income Trust	475.3	502.9●	--	2.91
Ind Income	59.7	63.1●	--	3.82
Smlr Co Inc	48.8	52.6	--	1.43
BARRING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ				
01-658 9002				
Australia	119.6	127.9	-1.5	0.00
Eastern	116.6	124.7	+0.3	0.00
Equity Income	81.2	86.3	--	4.30
Europe	152.6	162.5	+1.5	0.30
Exempt Trust	66.9	70.2●	--	3.00
Growth & Inc	88.5	94.1	--	1.90
Global Gth	86.0	91.4	+0.7	1.50
Japan Special	128.2	137.1●	+0.9	0.10
Japan Sunrise	132.5	141.8	+0.5	0.00
First Europe	128.1	137.3	+0.5	0.20
First Japan	96.5	105.3	+1.2	0.00
First N Amer	57.2	60.8●	+1.0	1.10
First Smaller Co's	121.4	129.1	--	1.80
N Amer Spec Tst	52.4	55.7	+0.9	0.30
BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT				
10, Fenchurch St, London EC3				
01-623 8000				
Amer Smlr Co Inc	69.4	73.2	+0.6	0.12
Do Accum	71.4	75.3	-1.9	0.12
European Inc	112.9	118.2	+0.5	1.66
Do Accum	139.0	146.6	+0.7	1.66
Fund of In: Tr Inc	31.0	32.7	+0.4	1.26
Do Accum	40.0	42.2	+0.6	1.26
General	267.3	282.0●	+1.2	2.22
Do Accum	330.0	348.2	+1.8	2.22
Gth Yield Inc	166.6	109.6	+1.9	6.56
Global Inc	181.1	191.1c	+0.5	5.88
Do Accum	310.6	327.6	+0.9	0.00
Do Accum	191.7	197.4	+2.0	8.53
High Yield Inc	135.4	142.8●	+0.5	3.94
Do Accum	279.7	295.1	+1.1	3.94
Int Rec Inc	158.8	165.4	+2.2	1.22
Do Accum	166.5	175.7	+0.2	1.22
Japan Inc	264.2	278.7	+4.8	0.00
Japanese Spec Inc	260.2	281.9	+5.9	0.00
Pacific Inc	120.9	127.5	+1.0	0.08
N American Inc	181.4	191.4	+1.0	0.81
Do Accum	68.2	72.0	+1.1	0.81
Pacific Inc	180.0	189.9	+3.7	0.21
Do Accum	203.6	214.8	+4.2	0.21
Planned Investment	186.3	196.5	+1.3	2.59
Smaller Co's Inc	148.1	154.1	+0.9	0.82
Do Accum	174.9	184.5	+1.2	0.82
UK Equity Gth Inc	40.8	43.0	+0.1	0.67
Do Accum	67.8	71.5	+0.3	0.01
Worldwide Tech Inc	64.4	67.9	-0.5	0.23
Do Accum	64.9	68.5c	-0.5	0.23
BROWN SHIPLEY				
8-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath				
0444 458144				
Financial	220.1	244.8	--	1.12
Smaller Co's Acc	484.8	491.9	--	0.60
Do Income	284.8	312.0	--	0.60
High Income	102.6	108.1	--	4.67
Income	119.6	122.2	--	4.34
Man Portfolio Inc	114.8	122.1●	--	0.56
Do Acc	194.5	207.0●	--	0.50
North American	70.5	75.0●	--	0.55
Orient	119.0	117.0	--	0.25
Exempt	369.0	392.6	--	1.59
Recovery	88.4	94.5	--	0.95
German	33.6	35.7	--	0.62
Technology	165.5	173.9	--	0.25
Europe	24.8	26.7	--	1.00
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT				
01-588 2868				
Fellowship Inc	78.3	81.2	--	1.70
General Inc (4)	343.8	360.6	-13.8	1.88
Do Accum (4)	557.0	584.4	-22.0	1.88
Income Fund (3)	155.2	162.1	--	4.06
Do Accum (3)	262.8	285.0	--	4.06
Intl Inc (2)	173.8	181.9	--	1.59
Do Accum (2)	231.8	242.5	--	0.59
Smaller Inc (5)	125.7	132.6●	--	1.25
Do Accum	135.4	140.8●	--	1.25
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB				
01-902 8876				
Growth	39.40	42.09●	--	2.08
Income	46.9	49.8●	--	3.20
Far East	30.8	32.8●	+0.2	0.19
North American	34.1	36.3●	+0.5	0.57
Global	60.9	64.4	+0.2	0.53
European	57.8	61.2	+0.5	0.87
Japan	73.1	77.6	+1.2	0.50
Intl Coy Bond	48.1	48.8	+0.2	8.00
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JO				
01-621 0011				
Capital	513.4	548.2	--	1.50
Income	410.4	436.7	--	3.67
North American	332.8	353.9	+5.6	1.32
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	458.5		--	3.48
Fixed Int	144.35	●	--	9.91
Deposit	100.0		--	8.90
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
01-588 1815				
Income	533.05	●	--	3.84
Accum	£16,3502		--	--
Deposit	100.0		--	8.65
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS				
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01-606 6822				
S & C Special Sits	53.9	56.8	-1.7	0.52
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
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0800 373383				
Amer Growth	27.1	28.7	+0.4	0.00
Dragon Growth Fund	22.5	24.4	--	0.00
Equity High Income	85.4	89.3	-2.6	3.39
European Growth	31.2	33.1	+0.4	0.50
General Equity	29.9	63.4●	+1.1	1.30
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	31.1	32.8●	-0.1	4.10
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.7	25.9●	--	8.30
Ind Inc Tst	27.4	29.1●	+0.1	4.30
Japan Growth	42.5	45.0●	+0.9	0.00
Pedigree Gth	35.9	38.0	-1.4	1.80
Special Sits Tst	44.7	47.4	-2.1	1.10
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ				
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-886 9818				
UK & Gen Inc	65.8	69.8	-1.0	2.00
Do Accum	66.9	70.1	-0.9	2.00
Income Fund	66.2	70.4	-1.0	2.90
Do Accum	66.5	70.8	-1.0	2.90
Worldwide Inc	60.6	64.3●	+0.2	1.97
Do Accum	60.7	64.5●	+0.2	1.97
General Fund Inc	46.5	49.5	-0.5	0.95
Do Accum	46.5	49.5	-0.5	0.95
COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD				
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E uro G rth S trst	80.7	85.4	+0.2	0.87
Extra Income	258.0	275.0●	+0.9	3.52
Financial	256.0	280.2●	+0.8	1.34
Sth East Asia Grth	107.4	113.7	+0.4	0.69
Gt Br Cos	417.7	442.0●	-5.7	1.88
Income & Growth	82.8	88.1●	+0.4	2.91
Japanese Growth	240.5	254.4	+0.7	0.20
Nth Amer Growth	138.8	144.6	+0.5	0.80
Intl Recovery	194.2	206.6●	-1.2	1.57
Smaller Co's	416.3	439.4	+16.7	0.96
Global Inc Tst	71.0	78.1	-0.1	6.18
Special Sits Acc	462.6	488.4	-11.9	1.05
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW				
04862 5033				
American Trust	151.2	160.9●	+1.2	0.82
Canadian Gth	25.1	26.7	+0.1	1.50
European Trust	138.4	142.7	-2.0	--
Growth Trust	317.3	337.5●	-2.0	2.13
High Income Trust	263.4	280.2	-0.5	3.82
Intl Tech Trust	141.0	150.0	+0.5	--
Japanese Trust	201.9	214.8	+2.9	--
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
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07372 42434				
European Growth	68.2	72.6	+0.6	1.26
Euro Special Sits	48.7	51.9	+0.4	0.00
International	48.2	51.3	+0.2	3.30
N American Growth	48.2	51.3	+0.3	1.99
Pacific Growth	68.2	72.6	+0.7	0.00
UK Growth Account	64.4	68.6	+0.4	2.00
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Capital Fund	164.4	175.0	-1.0	1.57
Eurofund	29.6	31.5●	-0.1	1.59
Growth & Inc Fund	204.1	217.3●	-5.2	2.88
High Dist Fund	177.3	188.8	-2.8	3.56
International Fund	257.7	267.0●	+4.8	0.49
Pacific Fund	84.5	90.7	+1.2	0.66
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EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
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UK Balanced Inc	100.5	106.6	-1.9	1.88
Do Accum	103.8	110.1	-2.0	1.91
UK Growth Accum	144.4	153.2	-2.6	1.42
UK High Inc Inc	111.5	118.3	-2.1	3.15
N American Accum	66.7	52.5●	+12.2	0.07
Far Eastern Accum	136.9	145.0●	+1.8	0.49
European Accum	94.2	100.5●	+0.1	1.18
UK Gilt & Fi Inc	54.9	58.2	--	9.27
Do Accum	60.0	63.7	--	7.56
Intl Spec Sit Acc	52.5	56.0	--	1.80
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Special Sits Trust	120.6	128.3	--	1.71
Nth Amer Trust	68.5	72.9	--	0.39
Far Eastern Trust	118.9	126.4●	--	0.32
Intl Growth	65.9	70.2	--	0.51
European Trust	50.9	54.2	--	0.92
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD				
0203 553231				
UK Growth Accum	206.3	219.4	-4.0	2.41
Do Income	174.2	185.8	-4.0	3.39
Higher Inc Accum	361.3	384.3	-8.0	3.39
Do Income	281.2	299.1	-6.2	3.39
Gilts/Fixed Accum	105.1	110.8	-0.2	8.36
Do Income	84.6	89.2	-0.2	8.36
Nth Amer Tst Accum	158.1	166.0	+1.8	0.00
Far East Tst Accum	208.5	219.9	+4.2	0.00
Euro Tst Accum	175.7	184.9	+1.7	0.03
General Trust	318.2	336.3	-5.7	2.53
Br Excellence	50.0		--	--
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT				
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA				
01-623 4680				
US Smaller Co's	79.0	84.1	--	0.14
UK Income Fund	108.4	115.4	--	3.59
Far Eastern Fund	99.6	106.0	--	0.00
Overseas Income	78.3	83.4	--	3.27
Fixed Interest	55.4	59.0	--	10.30
Natural Res Fund	83.0	88.0●	--	1.71
European Income	82.9	88.2●	--	2.76
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Intl Tech Fund	134.3	142.9	--	0.13
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Amer Special Sits	61.1	65.0	+0.3	0.05
Australia	50.4	53.4	-0.1	1.16
European	85.5	87.6	+0.1	--
European Inc	88.0	93.7	+0.2	3.55
Global Conv	27.4	29.0	-0.2	4.36
Far East Inc	40.8	43.2	+0.1	3.15
Gilt & Fixed Int	29.9	27	+0.1	9.40
Growth & Income	141.1	150.2	-0.2	3.47
Japan Special Sits	60.9	65.0	+0.3	--
Japan	158.9	169.5●	+1.8	--
Managed Inc	167.8	178.6	--	0.36
Max Income Equity	126.9	135.0	+0.1	3.53
Famous Names	51.3	54.9	+0.1	1.26
South East Asia	61.7	65.7	-0.3	0.01
Special Sits	301.3	320.6	+0.7	0.57
FRANLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ				
01-628 5181				
Amer & Gen Inc	229.7	243.9	--	--
Do Accum	234.7	249.1	--	--
Amer Smlr Cmnd Inc	239.8	252.2●	--	1.06
Do Accum	247.3	261.6	--	1.06
Capital Tst Inc	341.5	361.3	--	1.50
Do Accum	417.8	441.8	--	1.50
Conv & Gilt Inc	115.9	122.6●	--	4.06
Do Accum	160.1	169.4●	--	4.06
European Inc	72.2	76.4	--	0.80
Do Accum	72.4	76.6	--	0.80
Extra Inc Tst Inc	239.0	251.4●	--	3.53
Do Accum	296.1	313.3●	--	3.53
Financial Accum	55.2	58.4	--	1.01
Inc	55.0	58.2	--	1.01
Income Trust	187.7	198.5	--	2.98
Do Accum	253.0	214.8	--	2.98
Inc Growth Fd Inc	189.7	200.7	--	--
Do Accum	210.6	222.8	--	--
Japan & Gen Inc	115.7	122.4	--	--
Do Accum	116.9	123.7	--	--
Monthly Income Fd	144.0	152.3●	--	2.50
PEP 97	70.7	74.8	--	1.56
Recovery	227.5	240.7●	--	0.84
Do Accum	248.7	263.1●	--	0.84
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
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PP Equity Dist	279.9	297.1	-3.8	2.07
Do Accum	478.5	505.8	-6.3	2.07
FP Fixed Int Dist	114.6	122.1	+0.5	8.53
Do Accum	139.8	149.7	+1.0	8.53
Stewardship Dist	273.5	290.3	-4.7	0.59
Do Accum	285.7	303.2	-4.9	0.59
FP North American	144.4	153.0●	+1.9	1.19
FP Pacific Basn	210.7	223.2●	+4.1	0.22
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ				
01-283 3575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Amer Special Sits	73.2	77.9	+0.9	0.50
UK Cap Fnd Inc	152.9	162.7●	--	1.90
Do Accum	223.1	237.4●	--	1.90
Income Fund	113.1	120.4	--	4.39
International	203.8	216.9	+1.1	0.30
US & General	68.5	62.3	+0.6	0.70
Japan & General	298.0	305.3	+0.6	0.00
Far East & Gen	183.5	174.0	+2.9	0.10
European Fund	285.8	304.1	+3.2	0.10
Germany Fund	73.9	78.7	+1.5	0.80
Intl Inc Fund	58.5	62.1●	-0.1	4.10
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
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American Trust	92.9	98.9	+0.5	0.70
Australian Trust	41.5	44.2	+0.1	0.00
British Tst Accum	91.1	97.1●	--	1.49
Do Dist	91.1	97.1●	--	1.49
Commodity Share	113.6	120.9	--	1.20
European Trust	58.1	61.9	-0.2	0.75
Extra Income Trust	72.6	77.3	--	3.64
Far Eastern Trust	163.0	173.4	+3.3	0.69
Fixed Interest Fund	27.7	29.5	--	9.74
Frontier Mkts	33.3	35.1	--	0.30
Intl Fixed Int Tst	24.3	25.9●	--	9.36
Global Fund Accum	220.9	235.0	--	0.40
Do Dist	220.9	235.0	--	0.40
Gold Share Trust	31.6	33.7	-0.2	0.26
Hedged American	40.0	42.6	-0.5	0.50
High Income Trust	34.7	37.0●	--	4.15
Hong Kong Trust	89.0	95.3	-0.2	0.70
Income Fund	120.6	128.6●	--	2.35
Japan Trust	128.1	137.3●	+0.5	0.00
Managed Exempt	351.2	369.8	--	1.74
Pref & Equity Trust	91.3	97.8	--	1.59
Special SRS Trust	182.6	173.6	--	0.79
UK Smlr Co's Rec Tst	139.1	148.3	--	0.50
Cheltenham UK	29.8	31.0	--	1.92
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Intl Growth	117.7	125.9●	+0.2	0.84
American Growth	79.9	85.0	+0.8	2.00
American Inc	76.9	83.9	+0.4	5.69
European Growth	61.2	65.1s	+0.2	0.50
Gold & Minerals	90.3	96.0●	-0.7	0.35
Japan Growth	58.9	60.4●	--	0.00
Pacific Inc	96.7	102.8●	+0.2	3.01
Pacific Strategy	68.6	74.0	--	0.41
UK Progressive Inc	83.6	88.9●	-4.4	3.28
UK Special Opps	211.1	224.5	-1.7	1.59
Gt Britain	45.2	48.0	-1.7	1.70
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
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01-588 9903				
Gilt & Fixed Int	118.7	123.4	+0.4	9.00
Growth Equity	298.2	316.7●	+0.8	1.40
Guardhill	394.0	397.9●	+1.7	2.02
N American	175.7	186.0	-0.2	0.65
Pacific	348.8	367.0	-0.4	0.00
Property Share	491.0	519.6●	-2.9	0.77
Smaller Companies	355.3	376.0	-1.7	1.05
European Trust	286.4	303.1●	-1.7	0.97
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ				
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Global Growth.	49.9	53.1	+0.2	0.80
High Income	90.0	95.8●	+0.5	3.83
N Amer Trust	128.7	134.8	+2.1	0.65
Pacific Growth	51.7	55.0	+0.7	0.50
Recovery	376.9	401.0	+2.7	0.01
Gilt Trust	38.4	39.8●	-0.1	9.09
Sh Vincent Inc	128.8	132.2c	+0.6	4.00
Sh Vincent Us Gth	81.3	84.7c	+0.9	0.70
Tuscany Bal Sm Co's	286.2	305.2●	--	0.00
Euro Gth Tst	51.1	54.5	+0.3	0.80
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American Equity Inc	68.7	72.9	--	0.10
Canadian Trust	64.4	68.3	--	0.85
Equity Income Trust	120.2	124.7	--	3.77
European Trust	113.3	120.2	--	0.77
High Income Trust	97.8	103.8	--	3.97
Intl Situations Trust	80.3	85.2●	--	0.59
Japan & Far East	149.1	158.2	--	0.00
North American Tst	68.3	72.5	--	0.81
Reserves & Assets	68.3	64.3●	--	4.72
Scandinavian Trust	91.5	97.2c	--	0.79
Smaller Companies	225.8	239.6●	--	1.06
UK New Generation	50.0		--	1.00
HENDERSON				
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Amer Recovery Tst	117.6	125.2	+1.0	0.84
Amer Smaller Co's	53.4	56.9	-0.2	0.01
Australian	135.7	144.4	-0.5	0.94
Capital Growth Inc	91.7	97.0	--	1.28
Do Accum	95.2	101.4	--	1.28
European	275.6	293.5	-2.8	1.10
Euro Inc Tst	48.9	52.1●	--	3.78
Euro Smaller Co's	168.5	178.9	+2.7	0.16
Exors Income	268.7	286.2	--	2.87
Financial Trust	231.6	246.5	--	1.58
Fixed Interest Tst	53.5	56.7	--	9.41
Gilt Trust	41.0	43.5●	--	8.76
Global Healthcare	94.5	100.6	+1.4	0.01
Global Inc & Gth	71.9	76.5●	+0.2	3.79
Global Resources	148.2	157.5●	-0.2	0.01
Global Tech	134.8	143.5●	+2.7	0.10
Gold	100.7	107.7	-1.3	1.57
High Income Tst	277.3	295.3●	--	3.18
Hong Kong	88.2	93.9●	-0.2	1.46
Income & Growth Inc	212.5	226.3	--	2.36
Do Accum	438.4	458.4	--	2.36
Income Assets	149.1	158.8	--	3.79
International	217.7	231.8	+1.2	0.52
Japan Special Sits	202.9	216.1	+4.8	0.01
Japan Tst	183.7	208.3●	+5.0	0.01
North American	126.2	134.5	+0.7	0.01
Pacific Smaller Co s	106.2	113.5	+1.0	0.34
Prof & Gth	56.1	59.7	--	8.75
Recovery Tst	181.0	200.3	--	0.73
Recovery Inc M Maley	91.3	97.2	+0.8	1.07
Smaller Co's Div	199.8	212.5●	--	3.07
Special Sits Inc	232.8	247.7	--	0.34
Do Accum	232.8	247.7	--	0.34
Worldwide	553.6	624.8	-7.9	1.43
Euro Exempt	137.9	145.1	+1.5	1.16
Global Tech Exempt	97.9	103.1	+0.8	0.12
High Income Exempt	185.5	193.3	--	3.55
Japan Exempt	178.1	187.5c	+5.7	0.01
N Amer Exempt	100.8	106.1	+0.6	1.45
Pacific Exempt	192.3	206.5	+0.7	2.09
Smaller Co's Exempt	218.6	229.1	--	1.17
Best of British	45.5	48.4	--	2.29
Spirit Of The East	53.1	55.9	+0.7	2.58
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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Phoenix Timber	Building,Roads	
2	Windsmoor	Drapery,Stores	
3	Commerzbank	Banks,Discount	
4	Hartwell Plc	Motors,Aircraft	
5	S & U Stores	Drapery,Stores	
6	Sunrise Clothes	Drapery,Stores	
7	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Discount	
8	Breedon PLC	Building,Roads	
9	Sterling Ind	Industrials S-Z	
10	Belhaven	Breweries	
11	Central TV	Cinemas,TV	
12	Reed (Austin)	Drapery,Stores	
13	Argyll (aa)	Foods	
14	Woolworth (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
15	Eurotherm	Electricals	
16	Castings	Industrials A-D	
17	Bentalls	Drapery,Stores	
18	Tesco (aa)	Foods	
19	Hanimex	Industrials E-K	
20	Bulmer (H P)	Breweries	
21	Ward White	Drapery,Stores	
22	Beachmark	Banks,Discount	
23	TVS N/V	Cinemas,TV	
24	Menzies (John)	Drapery,Stores	
25	Ross Consumer	Electricals	
26	Howden	Industrials E-K	
27	Micro Focus	Electricals	
28	Central & Sheer	Industrials A-D	
29	Cullens	Foods	
30	Dominion Int	Industrials A-D	
31	Bailey (CH)	Industrials A-D	
32	CRH	Building,Roads	
33	Unilever (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
34	Rothschild (J) Hld	Banks,Discount	
35	Rockware	Industrials L-R	
36	VSEL	Industrials S-Z	
37	Hoechst DM50	Chemicals,Plas.	
38	Aran Energy	Oil & Gas	
39	Amec	Building,Roads	
40	Stocklake	Industrials S-Z	
41	Cattles	Banks,Discount	
42	Rush & Tompkins	Property	
43	Armour	Industrials A-D	
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BRITISH FUNDS

1987 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

102¼	98⅛	Treas 12% 1987	100%	..	12.0	8.954
100¼	96¼	Treas 8¾% 1988	98¼	..	8.91	8.902
107⅜	99⅝	Conv 9¾% 1988	103⅝	..	9.41	8.960
97⅞	92¾	Treas 3% 1986-88	95¾	..	3.13	7.559
101⅝	96	Treas 9¾% 1988	100⅛	..	9.73	10.144
105¼	99⅛	Treas 10¼% 1988	103⅛	-⅛	10.03	10.221
104¾	98¾	Treas 10¼% 1988	103⅛	..	10.5	10.258
103¾	98¼	Exch 10¼% 1988	103⅛	..	10.3	10.251
108	100	Exch 10¾% 1988	106⅝	..	10.1	10.088
104¾	99⅜	Exch 11% 1988	103⅝	..	10.6	10.262
99¾	94¾	Treas 8¾% 1988-90	97⅝	..	9.0	9.291
99⅝	95¼	Treas 9% 1989	98⅛	..	9.5	10.297
94⅝	89⅝	Treas 3% 1989	92⅜	..	3.2	7.291
111	103⅛	Treas 13% 1989	107⅝	..	12.2	10.141
104⅝	98⅝	Exch 11¾% 1989	102⅝	..	11.4	10.248
110⅝	99¼	Exch 12¾% 1989	104¾	..	11.9	10.243
97⅜	94¼	Treas 3% 1990	96⅛	..	3.4	7.526
108	98¼	Treas 9¾% 1990-92	103⅛	..	9.5	9.918
105	97¼	Treas 10% 1990	100⅛	..	10.1	10.229
89½	80½	Exch 9% 1990	85⅛	..	2.9	7.199
110¾	99⅛	Treas C10¾% 1991	104⅝	..	10.8	9.900
110½	102¾	Treas 11¾% 1991	106⅝	..	11.3	10.304
95⅛	86¾	Fund 5¼% 1987-91	90⅝	..	10.7	8.955
109¾	102½	Exch 12% 1991	106⅝	..	11.7	10.179
99¾	79¼	Treas 3% 1991	85⅞	..	3.5	7.545

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

116½	102¾	Treas 12¾% 1992	108½	..	11.7	10.188
110¾	95¾	Treas 10% 1992	103⅛	..	10.1	10.138
108¾	99⅛	Treas C10½% 1992	103⅛	..	10.4	10.158
95⅞	83¾	Treas 9% 1992	89⅝	..	3.6	7.286
98⅝	85⅜	Treas 9% 1992	91⅝	..	..	10.117
111	100¼	Exch 12¾% 1992	107⅛	..	11.4	10.277
121	105¾	Exch 13¾% 1993	112¾	..	12.0	10.373
107¾	96¾	Treas 10% 1993	102⅛	..	10.1	10.288
116½	103	Treas 12¾% 1993	109¾	..	11.5	10.408
95⅞	81⅝	Fund 3% 1992-96	88⅝	..	3.8	7.363
113¾	98¾	Treas 11¾% 1993	105¾	..	11.9	10.404
129¾	113½	Treas 14¼% 1994	121⅝	..	12.1	10.318
120½	103¾	Exch 12¼% 1994	111⅝	..	11.6	10.432
124¾	113¼	Exch 13¼% 1994	117¾	..	11.8	10.405
102¾	94¾	Treas 9% 1994	98⅜	..	9.1	10.191
107¾	99¾	Treas 10% 1994	103⅝	..	9.8	10.206
118¾	106¾	Treas 12% 1995	112⅝	..	11.1	10.366
84¾	75½	Gas 8% 1990-95	80⅝	..	8.0	9.950
108¾	97¾	Exch 10¾% 1995	103⅝	..	10.3	10.306
123¾	111½	Treas 12¾% 1995	117⅝	..	11.3	10.333
130¾	117½	Treas 14% 1996	123⅝	..	11.9	10.316
102¾	89¾	Treas 8% 1996-98	96⅝	..	9.6	10.333
135¾	125½	Treas 15% 1996	130⅝	..	12.0	10.364
127¾	114¾	Exch 13¼% 1996	120⅝	..	11.4	10.364
89	80	Rdmpt 3% 1986	88	..	3.6	..
108¾	96¾	Conv 10% 1996	102⅝	..	10.2	10.288
126¾	115¾	Treas 11¾% 1997	121⅛	..	10.4	10.276
101	85½	Treas 8½% 1997	95⅛	..	8.9	10.104
140	125¼	Exch 15% 1997	137⅛	..	11.8	10.347
89¾	77¾	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	83⅝	..	8.1	9.976
106¾	94¼	Exch 10¾% 1998	101⅝	..	10.6	10.356
145¾	128¾	Treas 15¼% 1998	137⅝	..	11.2	10.359
122¾	108¼	Exch 12¾% 1998	116⅝	..	11.0	10.369
106¾	99¾	Treas 9½% 1998	103⅝	..	9.2	10.322
134¾	118¾	Exch 13¾% 1998	127⅝	..	10.8	10.324
113¾	99¾	Treas 9¾% 1998	106⅝	..	9.2	10.304
111¾	97¾	Conv 10% 1998	104⅝	..	10.2	10.194
96¾	89¼	Treas 8¾% 1997	92⅝	..	8.8	10.047
131¾	116¾	Treas 12% 2000	125⅝	..	9.7	10.004
110¾	94¾	Conv 9% 2000	98⅝	..	10.1	10.103
110¾	94¼	Exch 9% 2001	97⅝	..	10.0	10.103
106¾	92	Conv 9¼% 2001	97⅝	..	10.2	10.101
134¾	120¾	Treas 14% 1998-01	121¾	..	11.5	10.518

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

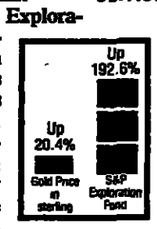
108	97	Exch 9% 2002	98	..	9.2	9.942
110¾	97¾	Conv 10% 2002	102⅝	..	10.1	10.043
122¾	108¾	Exch 12¾ 1998-02	113⅝	..	10.8	10.060
100	83¾	Treas 9½% 2002	97⅝	..	10.0	9.965
111¾	94¾	Treas 10% 2003	103⅝	..	10.0	10.119
128¾	121¾	Treas 13¾% 2004	125⅝	..	11.1	10.347
121¾	105	Treas 11¾% 2001-04	109⅝	..	10.5	10.178
111¾	97¾	Treas 10% 2004	103⅝	..	10.0	10.088
99¾	51¾	Fund 9½% 1999-04	96⅝	..	9.5	9.907
98¾	83¾	Treas 8½% 2005	90⅝	..	9.5	9.962
107¾	93¾	Conv 9½% 2005	100⅝	..	9.5	9.983
116¾	99¾	Exch 10¾% 2005	104¾	..	10.2	10.027
132¾	116¾	Treas 12¾% 2003-05	119¾	..	10.5	10.407
94¾	82¾	Treas 8% 2002/06 A	87⅝	..	9.1	9.780
92¾	84¾	Treas 8% 2002/06 A	87⅝	..	9.2	9.348
129¾	110¾	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	113⅝	..	10.3	10.337
99¾	86¾	Treas 9% 2007	93⅝	..	9.6	9.677
142	121¾	Treas 13¾% 2008-09	130⅝	..	10.5	10.477
104¾	93¾	Treas 9% 2008	98⅝	..	9.1	9.960
94¾	89¾	Treas 8% 2009	92⅝	..	8.6	9.778
101¾	93¾	Conv 9% 2009	97⅝	..	9.2	9.460
99¾	89¾	Treas 8¾% 2008-12	94⅝	..	9.2	9.312
131¾	116¾	Treas 12% 2013-17	124⅝	..	9.6	9.672
96¾	86¾	Conv 9% 2011	91⅝	..	9.8	9.810

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Date

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FAMILY MONEY INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded return at tax rates 27%	45%	60%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS							
Ordinary Dep A/c[1]	3-4.00	3.02	2.28	1.65	1 min	0-7 day	——
National Girobank	3.00	3.02	2.28	1.65	1 min	7 day	01-600 6020
Fixed Term Deposits:							
National Westminster	6.25	6.25	4.71	3.42	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-726 1000
" " "	6.88	6.88	5.18	3.77	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-726 1000
Midland	6.21	6.21	4.68	3.40	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-260 8000
" " "	6.40	6.40	4.82	3.51	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-260 8000
BUILDING SOCIETIES							
Ordinary A/c	5.00	5.06	3.81	2.77	1 min	——	——
Britannia[2]	7.15	7.15	5.39	3.92	250 min	——	——
Bradford & Bingley[2]	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	——	——
Cheltenham & Glouc[2]	7.75	7.75	5.84	4.25	5,000 min	——	——
Nationwide Non-Resid[2]	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	1 min	——	——
MONEY FUNDS							
Aitken Hume Monthly Inc	6.21	6.39	4.81	3.50	1,000 min	——	01-638 6070
Allied Arab HICA	6.58	6.79	6.54	3.72	3,000 min	——	01-626 2046
Bank Of Scotland	6.09	6.27	4.72	3.44	2,500 min	——	01-626 8060
Barclays High Rate Dep	6.00	6.14	4.63	3.36	1,000 min	——	01-626 1567
" "	6.25	6.40	4.82	3.51	10,000 min	——	01-626 1567
Britannia High Interest	6.30	6.49	4.89	3.57	2,500 min	——	01-588 2777
Citibank Money Mkt Plus‡	6.00	6.17	4.65	3.38	2,000 min	——	01-741 4941
HFC Trust & Savings	7.50	7.64	5.76	4.19	5,000 min	——	01-236 8391
Henderson Cheque A/c	6.09	6.27	4.72	3.44	2,500 min	——	01-638 5757
L & G High Int Deposit	6.38	6.48	4.88	3.55	1,000 min	1 mth	01-388 3211
Lloyds Investment A/c‡[7]	6.90	6.90	5.20	3.78	5,000 min	3 mth	01-407 1000
Lloyds HICA‡	5.50	5.61	4.23	3.07	1,000 min	——	01-407 1000
M&G HICA	6.21	6.39	4.81	3.50	2,500 min	——	01-626 4588
Midland HICA	6.00	6.14	4.63	3.36	2,000 min	——	0742 52800
" "	6.20	6.35	4.78	3.48	10,000 min	——	0742 52800
Nat West Special Reserve	6.13	6.27	4.72	3.44	2,000 min	——	01-726 1000
" " "	6.25	6.40	4.82	3.51	10,000 min	——	01-726 1000
Oppenheimer Money Mngmt	5.46	5.57	4.20	3.05	1,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
" " "	5.55	5.68	4.28	3.11	10,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
Phillips & Drew HICA	6.21	6.35	4.78	3.48	2,500 min	——	01-628 9771
Provincial Trust Chq A/c	6.77	6.99	5.27	3.83	1,000 min	——	061-9289011
Royal Bk Of Scot Prem A/c	6.10	6.24	4.56	3.32	2,500 min	——	031-5570201
S & P Classic	6.11	6.29	4.74	3.45	500 min	——	0708 66966
Schroder Wagg	5.83	5.99	4.51	3.28	2,500 min	——	0705 827733
Tyndall Call	6.77	6.94	5.23	3.80	2,500 min	——	0272 732241
Tyndall 7-day	6.12	6.26	4.72	3.43	2,500 min	——	0272 732241
UDT 7-day	6.21	6.36	4.79	3.48	5,000 min	7 day	01-626 4661
Western Trust	6.16	6.34	4.78	3.47	2,500 min	1 mth	0752 261161
NATIONAL SAVINGS							
Ordinary A/c[3]	6.00	6.17	4.65	3.38	1-10,000	8 day	041-6494555
Investment A/c*	10.00	7.30	5.50	4.00	5-100,000	1 mth	041-6494555
Income Bond*	10.50	7.67	5.78	4.20	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*	10.50	7.67	5.78	4.20	100-100,000	3 mth	041-6494555
Indexed Income Bond*[4]	8.00	5.84	4.40	3.20	5,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
33rd Issue Cert*†	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	25-1,000	8 day	091-3864900
Yearly Plan†	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	20-200/mth	14 day	091-3864900
General Extension Rate†	7.02	7.02	7.02	7.02			
Retail Price Index:June	101.9	101.9	101.9	101.9			
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS							
New Direction Finance	7.50	7.50	6.15	5.03	1,000 min	1 yr	01-626 3581
New Direction Finance	7.50	7.50	6.15	5.03	1,000 min	2 yrs	01-626 3581
Premium Life	7.80	7.80	6.40	5.44	1,000 min	3 yrs	0444 458721
Premium Life	7.80	7.80	6.40	5.44	1,000 min	4 yrs	0444 458721
Blackhorse Life	8.25	8.25	6.77	5.53	2,000 min	5 yrs	0634 405161
LOCAL AUTHORITY TOWN HALL BONDS[6]							
Northampton	6.77	6.77	5.10	3.74	500 min	1 yr	01-407 2767
Bristol	6.75	6.75	5.09	3.70	1,000 min	2 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	6.75	6.75	5.09	3.70	1,000 min	3 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	6.77	6.77	5.10	3.74	1,000 min	4 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	6.77	6.77	5.10	3.74	1,000 min	5 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	6.77	6.77	5.10	3.74	1,000 min	6 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	6.77	6.77	5.10	3.74	1,000 min	7 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	6.50	6.50	4.90	3.56	1,000 min	8 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	6.50	6.50	4.90	3.56	1,000 min	9 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	6.50	6.50	4.90	3.56	1,000 min	10 yrs	01-407 2767
FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS							
Sterling	7.62	——	——	——	——	7 day	0481 26741
US Dollar	5.87	——	——	——	——	7 day	0481 26741
Yen	2.65	——	——	——	——	7 day	0481 26741
D Mark	2.70	——	——	——	——	7 day	0481 26741
French Franc	6.62	——	——	——	——	7 day	0481 26741
Swiss Franc	2.07	——	——	——	——	7 day	0481 26741

*Interest taxable, paid gross † Tax free ‡ Higher returns for larger balances [1] All major banks, other banks may differ [2] Societies chosen based on high street presence, higher rates can sometimes be obtained from smaller societies - contact Chase de Vere Moneyline 01-404 5766 [3] 3 per cent for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less [4] Increased at end of year in line with inflation [5] Additional holdings up to £5,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates [6] Liable to variation [7] Charge for instant access Research: Deborah Benn

KEY RATES

Retail Prices Index (June '86 to June '87)
+4.2

Mortgage rate*
10.50%-11.25%

Bank base rate
10%

Bank prime overdraft rate*
12%-17% APR

Personal loan rate*
19.6% APR

Credit card rate*
23.8% APR

Hire purchase rate*[1]
26% APR

Bank deposit account
3-4%

Building society ordinary account
5%

High-interest cheque account*
6.00%

Holiday exchange rates*

Spanish peseta	196.75
French franc	9.73
Greek drachma	217
Italian lira	2115

*Typical rates
[1] £1,000 over 12 months
APR = annual percentage rate

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BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.50%
Adam & Company	10.00%
BCCI	10.00%
Consolidated Grds	10.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.00%
C. Hoare & Co	10.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
Lloyds Bank	10.00%
Nat Westminster	10.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.00%
TSB	10.00%
Citibank NA	10.00%

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE				
401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE				
01-837 8494				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	11.13	11.72		..
Bear	13.93	13.93	+0.14	..
Owl	18.18	19.14	+0.20	..
Bull	15.81	16.65	+0.11	..
Stag	13.73	14.56	+0.03	..
Gilt Edged	11.71		+0.04	..
Deposit	10.43		..	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	12.20	12.85		..
Bear	15.52	16.34	+0.22	..
Owl	23.19	24.42	+0.33	..
Bull	19.26	20.28	+0.17	..
Stag	19.07	20.29	+0.03	..
Gilt Edged	12.22		+0.03	..
Deposit	11.06		..	..
Exempt App Mixed	208.2	212.5	+1.77	..
ABBEY LIFE				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
0202 292373				
Property Fund Inc	216.2	229.7	-0.2	..
Do Accum	304.4	320.5	-0.2	..
Equity Fund Income	154.7	162.9	-3.7	..
Do Accum	162.5	171.1	-3.7	..
Selective Fund	300.8	316.7	-3.6	..
Money Fund	230.7	242.9	+0.3	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	239.0	251.6	-0.1	..
Equity Ser 4	158.1	166.5	-1.3	..
Man Ser 4	425.6	448.0	-1.7	..
Conv Ser 4	206.8	217.7	+0.2	..
Money Ser 4	208.7	217.6	+0.2	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	190.9	201.1	+0.2	..
American Ser 4	296.7	314.5	+5.2	..
High Inc Ser 4	418.7	440.6	-3.4	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	116.1	122.4	+0.5	..
Japan Ser 4	262.5	276.4	-0.2	..
ALBANY LIFE				
3, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar				
0707 44311				
Equity Fd Acc	961.4	1012.0	-84.5	..
European Fd Accum	237.8	250.2	+0.3	..
Fixed Int Acc	312.5	328.9	-1.4	..
Gld Money Fd Acc	211.4	222.5	+0.2	..
Int Man Fd Acc	374.4	394.0	+2.1	..
Int Fixed Fd Acc	194.2	204.4	-1.0	..
Japan Fund	287.5	302.6	-0.6	..
Nth American Fd Acc	190.3	200.3	+2.6	..
Prop Fd Acc	223.6	235.3	+1.2	..
Multiple Inv Acc	648.0	676.8	+14.0	..
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE				
Allied Dunbar House, Swindon SN1 1EL				
0793 514514				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	233.7	246.0	+5.3	..
Equity Accum	634.7	678.7	-18.7	..
Property Accum	350.2	368.7	+1.3	..
Far East Accum	192.2	202.4	+3.9	..
Managed Cap'sal	273.3	287.7	-7.2	..
Do Accum	624.0	656.9	-10.2	..
Overseas Accum	562.5	592.2	-13.0	..
Gilt Edged Accum	285.1	300.2	+4.5	..
Amer Equity Accum	407.8	429.6	+4.5	..
Amer Man Accum	191.2	201.3	+2.0	..
Amer Prop Accum	123.0	129.5	+0.4	..
BALTIC ASSURANCE				
25-26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD				
01-493 9899				
Managed Growth	360.2	379.2	+1.10	..
Managed Income	169.3	178.2	+1.29	..
International	260.5	274.2	+4.57	..
High Income	251.4	265.1	+4.00	..
Income & Growth	328.2	345.5	-0.80	..
Basic Resource	141.8	149.2	+4.06	..
American	223.1	234.9	+9.16	..
Far Eastern	464.2	488.6	+5.09	..
Smaller Co's	315.0	331.5	-0.17	..
BARCLAYS LIFE				
252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB				
01-534 5544				
Equity Accum	617.5	650.1	-19.6	..
Do Initial	527.8	555.4	-16.4	..
Gilt Edged Accum	219.7	231.3	-1.9	..
Do Initial	188.3	198.3	-1.5	..
International Accum	199.3	218.6	+2.3	..
Do Initial	169.3	178.0	+1.2	..
Managed Accum	378.2	398.1	+2.1	..
Do Initial	322.0	338.9	+1.5	..
Money Accum	183.0	192.7	+0.3	..
Do Initial	152.2	160.3	+0.2	..
Property Accum	215.7	227.1	+0.1	..
Do Initial	183.4	193.1	+0.1	..
America Accum	284.9	214.8	+2.9	..
Do Initial	177.7	187.1	+2.0	..
Australia Accum	250.8	264.1	+12.4	..
Do Initial	212.9	224.2	+10.5	..
Financial Accum	260.7	295.5	-9.6	..
Do Initial	204.5	257.4	-9.1	..
500 Accum	225.4	246.8	-7.0	..
Do Initial	282.9	297.8	-7.0	..
Japan &Gen Acc 2	378.1	398.0	-3.8	..
Do Initial 2	322.7	339.7	-3.3	..
Income Accum	356.7	334.5	+0.1	..
Do Initial	282.0	297.4	-7.6	..
Leisure Accum	206.8	219.9	-5.1	..
Special Sits Accum	225.9	237.8	-1.5	..
Liver Tech Accum	120.1	126.5	-0.8	..
Do Initial	107.1	112.8	-0.7	..
BLACK HORSE LIFE				
346a, High St, Chatham				
0634 405161				
The Managed Fund	480.88		-7.86	..
Income Fund	480.9	519.9	+2.49	..
Extra Income Fund	451.2	485.4	+1.29	..
Worldwide Grwth Fd	390.2	417.1	+9.50	..
Balanced Fund	436.4	468.1	-7.53	..
Sterl Co's & Rc Fd	657.4	692.0	+4.60	..
Int Technology Fund	370.8	396.4	+9.73	..
Int Am & Gen Fund	436.4	466.6	+7.92	..
Energy Int Fund	150.6	158.6	-4.38	..
Pacific Basin Fund	332.9	350.4	+5.44	..
German Growth Fd	141.9	148.4	-2.97	..
Japan Growth Fd	172.8	182.0	-4.37	..
The UK Gth Fd	153.2	161.4	+3.05	..
Cont Euro Gth	102.6	108.0	+1.85	..
Property Fund	168.9	169.9	+0.20	..
Fixed Interest Fund	156.3	164.5	+0.33	..
Cash Fund	175.3	184.6	+0.19	..
Managed Inv Fund	315.7	332.3	+0.66	..
CANADA LIFE				
2-6, High St, Potters Bar, Herts				
P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth	194.8			..
Managed	215.1	226.5	-4.9	..
Property	131.7	138.7		..
Gil & Fixed Int	141.4	148.9	-1.2	..
Index-Linked	115.2	121.3	-0.4	..
Equity	235.2	247.6	-5.2	..
Fixed	142.2	149.8	-0.1	..
Midland Int UT	238.0	250.6	-4.2	..
Midland Bk Int	255.2	268.7	+0.4	..
CANNON ASSURANCE				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB				
01-902 8876				
Equity Units		£96.57	-2.06	..
Property Units		£24.85	+0.93	..
Bal Gd Exec Unit	241.77	44.20	-0.28	..
2nd Equity Accum	442.9	466.6	-3.03	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	385.7	406.1	-8.9	..
2nd Property Accum	233.2	246.8	+8.8	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	110.0	116.4	+2.3	..
2nd Managed Acc	205.7	212.9	+1.8	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	119.9	126.6	-0.2	..
2nd Deposit Accum	182.3	192.9	+0.1	..
2nd Gilt Accum	189.9	201.9	-1.1	..
2nd Amer Accum	273.6	288.5	+1.7	..
2nd Int Money Ac	189.4	208.9	-0.3	..
2nd Index Accum	114.6	121.2	+0.6	..
2nd Far East Accum	256.2	272.2	+0.8	..
2nd Global Accum	115.5	122.2	+1.8	..
2nd Euro Accum	111.3	117.7	+1.1	..
2nd Japan Accum	133.5	141.4	-1.9	..
2nd Heritage Acc	102.3	108.3	+1.9	..
2nd Int Curr Bond	92.4	97.8	-0.1	..
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE				
Surrey House, 500, Avebury Blvd,				
Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA				
0908-806101				
Property Fund	132.0	139.0	..	..
Money Fund	236.5	249.0	+0.1	..
Managed Fund	524.4	552.0	-5.0	..
Equity Fund	398.1	426.6	-8.7	..
Fixed Interest Fund	155.8	163.8	-1.4	..
Far East Fund	264.8	278.5	+2.4	..
Nth Amer Fund	200.2	210.5	+2.0	..
Nat Resources Fund	241.8	254.9	+6.5	..
SUN Reg Fund	159.1	167.5	..	..
Alexandra Fund	145.0	152.7	..	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH				
0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Mixed	175.0	184.3	-5.3	..
Equity	222.4	234.2	-14.3	..
Property	125.5	132.2	-0.1	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	113.9	124.8	-1.1	..
Indexed Secs	98.9	104.2	-1.0	..
Cash	111.9	117.8	..	..
Nth American	125.1	135.9	+0.6	..
Far East	170.1	179.1	+1.9	..
International	151.3	159.3	+0.5	..
Special Sits	208.0	219.0	-3.9	..
Ind Income	165.4	196.3	-3.3	..
European	178.3	187.7	+3.2	..
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	179.8	189.3	-3.5	..
Equity	208.0	219.0	-8.1	..
Property	124.3	130.9	-0.1	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	127.1	133.8	-2.8	..
Index Linked	103.5	109.0	-1.2	..
Cash	124.9	131.5	+0.1	..
Nth American	142.0	149.5	+1.6	..
Far East Acc	201.3	211.9	+1.4	..
International Acc	175.7	185.0	+1.4	..
Special Sits	229.6	272.3	-4.8	..
European Flex	217.5	229.1	+9.6	..
Cash	111.9	117.8	..	..
Nth American	129.1	135.9	+0.6	..
Far East	170.1	179.1	+2.0	..
International	151.3	159.3	+0.5	..
Special Sits	208.0	219.0	-3.9	..
Ind Income	165.4	196.3	-3.3	..
American Inc	127.3	134.1	+0.4	..
European	178.3	187.7	+3.2	..
COLONIAL MUTUAL				
24 Lucqate Hill, London EC4P 4BD				
01-248 9863				
CML U Ass:Key	188.05		..	..
CML U Ass:Packmstr	248.15		..	..
CML U Ass:Cash	131.5	138.4	+0.64	..
CML U Ass:Equity	369.1	370.1	+15.46	..
CML U Ass:Fd	191.9	201.9	-3.73	..
CML U Ass:Mngd	258.8	283.0	+6.79	..
CML U Ass:Prop	321.2	338.1	+2.01	..
CML(Pen):Cash Cap	132.9	139.2	..	..
CML(Pen):Cash Inv	149.7	157.5	..	..
CML(Pen):Equity Cap	714.7	762.3	..	..
CML(Pen):Equity Inv	809.7	851.2	..	..
CML(Pen):Fixed Cap	217.6	229.1	..	..
CML(Pen):Fixd Inv	246.2	259.2	..	..
CML(Pen):Index Cap	129.8	136.7	..	..
CML(Pen):Index Inv	148.9	154.5	..	..
CML(Pen):Man Cap	405.9	427.2	..	..
CML(Pen):Man Inv	459.2	483.4	..	..
COMMERCIAL UNION				
St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3				
01-283 7500				
Var Ann Accum (5)	407.01		..	..
Var Ann Acc (5)	74.31		..	..
Prime- Managed	297.4	313.1	-1.9	..
Prime- UK Equity	352.0	370.6	-5.3	..
Prime- Int Equity	239.8	252.5	+1.5	..
Prime- Property	135.0	127.9	+0.1	..
Prime- Fixed Interest	148.9	156.8	..	..
Prime- Index-Linked	102.4	107.8	+0.7	..
Prime- Cash	127.7	134.5	..	..
CONFEDERATION LIFE				
50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE				
01-242 0282				
Managed Fund	776.9	817.7	..	..
Equity Fund	£11.75	12.34	..	..
PIP Fund	£33.913		..	..
CROWN FINANCIAL				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW				
04862 60033				
Life Managed Acc	385.7	406.0	-11.7	..
Life Fixed Int Accum	226.5	238.4	-4.4	..
Life Equity Accum	508.8	535.5	-22.8	..
Life Money Accum	189.4	199.2	..	..
Life Inter Trust Accum	130.9	137.8	-1.5	..
Life Int Acc	417.0	438.9	-1.5	..
Life High Inc Accum	480.5	521.5	-25.8	..
Life Property Accum	187.3	197.1	-0.1	..
Crown Ent Inv A	641.4	771.8	-31.5	..
Brown Equity	817.9	860.8	+133.5	..
DBS Managed	234.7	247.0	..	..
Growth Accum	243.0	256.7	..	..
CRUSADER INSURANCE				
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Measured pen	113.0	119.6	-2.0	..
Performance Plus	113.7	120.3	-0.1	..
With Profit Pen	102.2	108.2	+0.2	..
UK Opportunity	139.4	147.5	-4.4	..
Euro Opportunity	114.1	120.7	+0.3	..
North Amer Opp	106.9	112.1	+1.1	..
Far East Opp	117.3	123.1	+1.5	..
Gth Prop Series 1	144.8	152.4	..	..
Gth Prop Series 2	103.6	109.9	+0.9	..
Fixed Int	101.5	107.4	-0.7	..
Cash	100.3	106.1	..	..
Managed Pens	389.8	391.4	..	..
Overseas	98.7	102.3	+0.2	..
EAGLE STAR INSURANCE				
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Secure Fund	108.0	113.7	+0.2	..
Blue Chip Fund	154.5	162.7	-4.8	..
Adventurous Fund	167.5	157.4	-2.3	..
Performance Fund	187.7	197.6	-3.8	..
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UK Equities Fund	573.5	603.8	-22.1	..
Higher Income Fund	554.7	594.4	-23.0	..
Property Fund	290.3	305.5	-0.5	..
Fixed Interest Fund	248.0	261.0	..	..
Index-Linked Sec Fd	105.1	110.6	-1.2	..
Gtd Dep Fund	114.2	120.2	+0.2	..
Nth America Fund	269.1	283.2	+3.9	..
Far East Fund	339.5	357.3	+2.3	..
Europe Fund	238.7	251.2	+0.5	..
International Fund	304.5	320.5	+0.7	..
Mixed Fund	404.5	425.7	-4.7	..
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Managed (Mixed)	187.0	196.9	-3.3	..
UK Equity	237.0	249.5	-8.7	..
Stewardship	242.5	255.3	-8.5	..
Overseas Equity	188.8	198.8	+1.6	..
North American	165.1	174.0	+1.7	..
Pacific Basin	110.3	116.2	+2.4	..
European	169.1	114.9	-0.6	..
Property	145.6	154.4	+0.1	..
Fixed Interest	132.8	139.8	-0.1	..
Index Linked	103.8	109.3	-0.5

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Paper problems pile up

Steps are being taken by the Stock Exchange to clear the backlog of unsettled bargains, but the problem will not be solved overnight. AMANDA PARDOE looks at the difficulties for investors

Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange, held a series of meetings with brokers this week to examine the mounting problem of late settlements. Both the Stock Exchange and the Bank of England consider the huge backlog a serious issue.

The problem has arisen for a variety of reasons, one of which is the massive increase in the volume of transactions, which has not been made any easier by the Government's privatization programme.

The enormous response to privatizations puts extra pressure on the brokers. When investors sell their allocation, brokers have to deliver the allotment letters within 48 hours of purchase, which means that they are so busy handling these that the normal account business is neglected.

Added to this is the fact that many brokers are under-resourced; it is not uncommon for them to have to work 15 hours a day, seven days a week, when dealing in a privatization issue starts. Recruitment is made difficult because of a shortage of trained settlement staff.

Though the Stock Exchange recognizes that some of its member firms are having serious difficulties coping with the paperwork, problems are also being caused by registrars. Instead of processing certificates within 14 days as they are supposed to, they are taking five to six weeks on average.

Various steps have been taken to improve the situation. The Stock Exchange has written to the Government asking it to discuss the timing and mechanics of each new issue, and has apparently received a favourable response.

Letters have also been sent to the top 24 registrars. To put pressure on them to speed up their operations, the Stock Exchange has said it may give the names of those who do not improve their operations to member firms, or make a list of the average time taken to process every share traded.

To make brokers speed up settlements, the Stock Exchange Council approved a resolution this week that allows it to impose trading restrictions on securities firms with a serious backlog of unsettled bargains.

Fines may be levied, or restrictions imposed on either the number of hours in which they trade or the number of bargains which they may make in a given period of time. As an extreme measure, a broker may be suspended from trading altogether.

The Stock Exchange has a software program which identifies all member firms and gives comprehensive details of bargains made. Consequently, it is already beginning to identify the worst offenders.



Goodison, left, and Baker: worried about the backlog of paperwork

To help solve the staffing problem, the Stock Exchange is looking at setting up a central training scheme for settlement staff.

The present backlog of settlements is certainly not going to be cleared overnight. Michael Baker, head of the special task force which is trying to solve the problem, expects that significant in-roads will be made in the next three to four months.

In the meantime, investors who are thinking of buying shares and selling them fairly quickly should remember that they may encounter difficulties.

Many brokers will accept instructions to sell shares without the certificate, but investors who choose to sell before receiving their certificate may find that payment is delayed.

In this situation, the broker cannot deliver the shares to the market, so he or she does not get paid, which means that on account day he has to choose between borrowing to pay the client or telling him he cannot pay until he receives the certificate.

One way around this is for the investor to indicate on the transfer form that the certificate is awaited following a recent purchase. The broker can then contact the appropriate registrar and ask for the transfer form to be "certificated". The problem here is that whereas the process used to take a day, it is now taking more than a week.

Investors who are planning to sell before they have their certificate should ask the broker if he knows how long it will be before the certificate will be available, and if he will be willing to pay without it. If the broker will not pay without it, it is worth contacting other firms.

However, many brokers recognize that they cannot cope with a massive number of private clients and are not taking on new business. Anyone who has an established relationship with a broker should therefore think twice before giving this up, even if they are not prepared to pay without certificates.

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Survive the fall by sitting tight

News of the worst fall for shares in a day, is bound to make even the most inexperienced investor wonder whether this is the end of the bull market, *writes Amanda Pardoe*. Is it time to sell, or should they sit tight?

Fred Carr, a partner in the London stockbrokers Capel-Cure Myers, says: "I don't think this is the beginning of a *tremendous bear market*." He sees it as a correction the market needed. His advice to people is to be "fairly relaxed".

Anyone with a good spread of investments who has notched up an attractive profit on their UK investments may decide to sell.

However, he says, it would be unwise to go completely into cash. He suggests that investors should either stay put or sell a small percentage.

He expects that the market will bounce back, and that anyone wanting to take profits should wait for that.

Andrew Jones, a fund manager with Target Group also advises people to sit tight.

"Don't panic and sell at this level," he says. "I think that this is a healthy correction."

But Mr Jones is keen to *emphasize that individuals* should always make investment decisions based on their own circumstances. "They should ask themselves how risk-averse they are," he says. "Are they prepared to risk the profits they have made?"

He added: 'The interesting thing about a fall like this is that it demonstrates that equities can go down. Too many new investors are unaware of the risks involved in equity investment."

What price advice?

Philip Chappell, a special adviser to the Association of Investment Trust Companies, received a phone call out of the blue recently from a "financial intermediary" claiming to offer expert personal financial planning advice.

The intermediary came from a well-known firm which for legal reasons we cannot name. The mystery caller clearly had no idea that Mr Chappell was an expert on financial products. Nor did he know that the AITC is a strong critic of the new investor-protection rules due to come into effect in 1988.

The AITC thinks the rules requiring financial intermediaries to recommend only the most suitable products to their clients are misleading.

The AITC is hardly a disinterested party. Investment trusts do not pay commissions to intermediaries and so tend to be ignored by them in their recommendations, although they are less expensive and have probably performed better in the long term than, say, unit trusts or insurance bonds.

The intermediary introduced his firm to Mr Chappell by saying: "We are totally independent. Any recommendation made by myself to my clients is totally unbiassed."

It was only after pressure from Mr Chappell that he admitted he could advise only on life-assurance-related products.

Mr Chappell told me: "I was struck by the limited nature of his knowledge...he suggested I put cash which I have in the bank into an insurance bond, which is entirely unsuitable for someone like me."

Insurance bonds, incidentally, are known to be high commission-paying products.

The new investor-protection rules will require intermediaries to give best advice, but only within the area of competence that they have. In the case of an intermediary who is familiar only with life-assurance and unit trusts, "best advice" will in most cases mean choosing the most suitable life or unit-trust product.

The AITC is unhappy with this state of affairs because it means the intermediary can ignore the non-commission paying investment trusts in giving his advice and still fulfil his duties.

Meanwhile, key investor-protection rules particularly relevant to small investors will not be ready in time for the target date of January 1 when it is hoped the Financial Services Act will come into force.

It will not be until July 1988 that rules limiting the way in which insurance companies can illustrate the potential returns on their products will come into effect. A similar delay will affect rules requiring insurance companies, in certain circumstances, to disclose the amount of commission that they earn on life-asssurance products.

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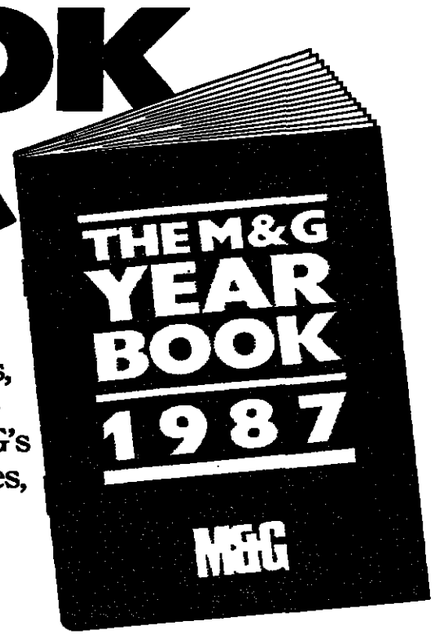
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UNIT TRUSTS

July proved a difficult month for stockmarket analysts and unit trust investors alike, as the leading equity markets tended to go their own way.

Sentiment, rather than economic fundamentals, seemed to be the driving force, as investors latched on only to those bits of news that reinforced their basic gut feelings to buy or sell.

In the UK market, investors were looking for an excuse to sell. It came towards the end of the month with the publication of the bank lending figures hinting at higher inflation to come.

Poor trade figures and Middle East tension were subsequently seized on to justify the selling wave and even a bullish CBI report failed to reverse the trend.

Despite this, several UK invested trusts did well, particularly those in the smaller-company or special-situation areas. Gilt funds had a rough ride, although the growing number that have added convertibles as a defensive measure tended to do better than the average.

By contrast, Wall Street managed to shrug off any bad news that came its way and established a few new record close figures during the month.

Investors ignored the awful trade figures, the Irangate saga and what was happening in the Gulf, concentrating instead on the strong second quarter corporate profits coming through. The Dow Jones Index has now just about doubled over the last two years.

The Japanese sector was a great disappointment for unit trust investors last month, but few could have been terribly surprised when the setback came.

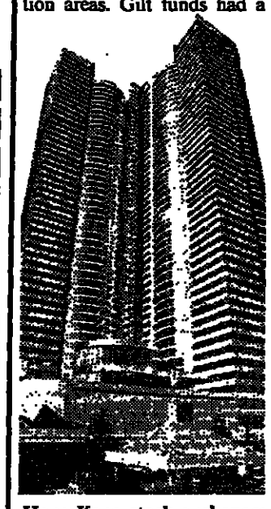
Uncertainty about the exchange rate and interest rates was the general explanation, but basically investors were looking for any excuse to retreat to the sidelines for a while. By the end of the month there were signs that the mood had changed yet again, investors returned and the market actually chalked up its biggest-ever one-day gain.

The rally came too late for unit trust investors, however: only one fund out of 59 made any gain over July.

Far-eastern funds which had high Hong Kong and low Japanese contents fared better. Analysts seem to have virtually given up trying to rationalize the Hong Kong equity market, putting every quirk down to the "China factor".

For unit trust investors, however, the place to have been last month was the commodity and energy sector, or more specifically, in a gold fund. As tensions rose in the Middle East, so too did the gold price, that traditional bolt-hole in times of trouble.

The FT Gold Mines Index is up almost 250 per cent over the last 12 months and the one-year performance table is dominated by gold funds.



Hong Kong stock exchange: Some far eastern funds have fared better this month.

UNIT TRUST PERFORMANCE

Value of £100 as at August 1, 1987

THE BEST

One Year		Three Years	
Waverley Aust Gold	329.1	FS Balanced Growth	778.2
S & P Exploration	275.0	TR Special Opports	588.3
Gartmore Gold Share	273.6	TR Smaller Companies	477.8
NM Schroder Gold	269.0	Arkwright	459.1
M & G Aust & General	268.2	Guinness Mahon Recovery	450.7
M & G Gold & General	256.0	Hill Samuel Smll Cos	436.4
Abbey Commodity & Engy	255.5	Brown Shipley Recovery	427.2
Legal & General Nat Res	249.2	Key Income	422.9
Waverley Pacific Basin	245.5	Fidelity Spec Situation	422.4
Govett Gold & Minerals	244.2	County Smaller Cos	419.5
FT Average	142.9	FT Average	251.3

THE WORST

One Year		Three Years	
EFM Smaller Japanese Co	95.2	Abbey US Emerging Cos	119.6
Govett Japan Growth	94.8	Henderson American Rec	118.5
Sun Alliance Worldwide	94.7	Scottish Prov Index Lnk	116.9
Scottish Prov Index Lnk	94.7	Target Technology	115.1
BG America	94.5	Sentinel American Tech	114.8
Beckman Int Capital	94.3	MIM Britannia Wld Tech	114.7
Waverley Ginnie Mae(†)	94.2	Target Australia	108.8
Abbey Worldwide Bond	94.2	Henderson Sing & Malaya	108.4
Dunedin Japan Small Cos	90.2	Canada Growth	104.6
Gartmore Japan	83.4	MIM Britannia Uni Engy	103.2

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Net income reinvested

Source: Planned Savings

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Surprisingly, though the pavement example seems a relatively simple one, the National Consumers Council recently estimated that there are more than three million pavement accidents every year, yet a minimal number of victims seek legal advice.

The initial interview will be to establish whether or not there are grounds for action. The interviewee will be advised whether to make a claim and whether or not he/she is entitled to legal aid, which turns on income and savings.

The Law Society has produced a leaflet explaining the service's advantages and procedures and posters are being distributed to various public places, including libraries, social-services offices and citizens advice centres.

Accident victims need not contact a solicitor direct, although this is one option. They can use the explanatory leaflet to request an interview via a central office or they can use a telephone reply service or go to their Citizens Advice Bureau or to any solicitor advertising the service.

In any event, every effort will be made for an appointment for a first interview to be set up with a local practice.

If there is no local participant in the scheme — and 2,500 practices throughout the country are involved — the Law Society will refer inquiries to local solicitors on a rota basis.

This and similar schemes have already been piloted around the country and it is estimated that the numbers of people who could benefit as a result of being told their rights and advised of the viability of pursuing claims could run to tens of thousands.

The fact that you may as a result of an accident be receiving sickness or invalidity benefit or one of the other disability/sickness-related benefits does not mean you would lose any rights to bringing an independent action against the "cause" of your injury.

Too few people have realized that they have any rights to compensation from a negligent party. The introduction of Alas may go some way towards rectifying that situation.



Charles Jackson

● *For further information contact Alas, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL (tel: 01-242 1222).*

What you'll pay for your loan

Yesterday, Lloyds Bank responded to the rise in base rates from 9 per cent to 10 per cent by increasing its mortgage rate from 10.8 to 11.5 per cent. Before August 1, exsiting borrowers were charged 11.3 per cent.

The revised rate applies immediately to new borrowers and with effect from September 1 for existing borrowers.

The Halifax Building Society has now cancelled the lower mortgage rate announced this week. It announced on Wednesday that the rate charged to its 1.5 million existing borrowers would fall to 10.8 per cent on September 1, bringing them in line with the rate charged to new borrowers since June.

However, in view of the rise in base rates, John Spalding, chief executive of the Halifax, said yesterday that it is likely that 11.25 per cent will be confirmed as the rate for both new and existing borrowers as from September 1.

Abbey National's exsiting borrowers, who have been looking forward to a new rate of 10.5 per cent from September 1, may also be disappointed. But, John Bayliss, general manager, marketing, at the Abbey says "It's wrong to assume that the rise in base rates means a reversal. There are much wider issues to consider — we want to be competitive in the whole mortgage market, and that's what we have to make a judgement on."

Mr Bayliss says that even if the Abbey decides not to reduce the rate to 10.5 per cent, it may opt for a rate lower than the present 11.25 per cent. Other societies, such as the Alliance & Leicester, Leeds Permanent, Nationwide and the Woolwich have no plans to move their rates.

When the two biggest societies announced on June 17 that they were reducing the rate for new borrowers, the others sat tight. The typical mortgage rate charged by the building societies has therefore stayed at 11.25 per cent.

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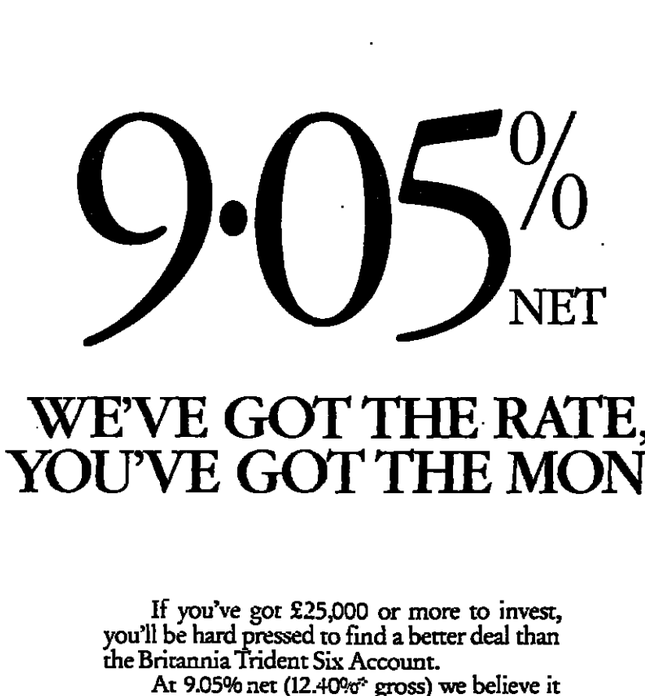
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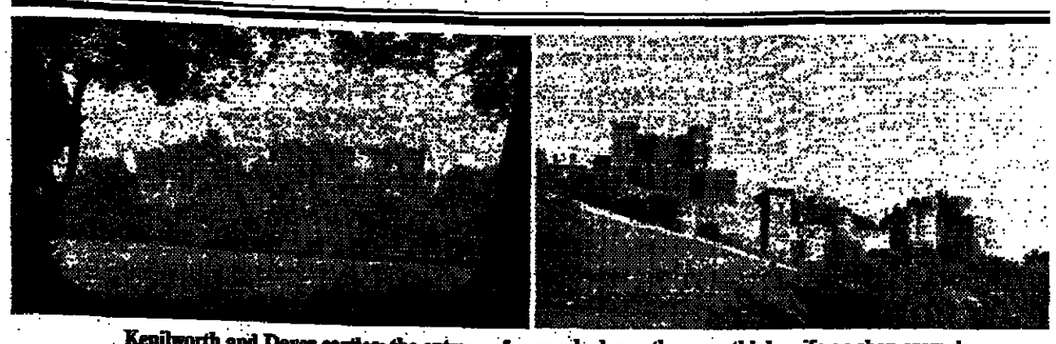
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Kenilworth and Dover castles: the entrance fee may be lower than you think – if you shop around

Saving on stately homes

So many country houses, parks and other attractions are now open to the public that it is worth making some forward plans before visiting them to save considerably on the entry fee, writes CONAL GREGORY

The three factors to bear in mind are the relative costs of family subscriptions and discounts on age grounds, life membership where available and reciprocity between heritage organizations.

English Heritage (15-17 Great Marlborough Street, London W1V 1AS) is the relatively new name for the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England.

It looks after 400 sites. Membership brings not only free entry to such top attractions as Dover Castle and Stonehenge, but to the Tower of London and Hampton Court Palace.

A free illustrated guide to all its properties, such as Kenilworth castle in Warwickshire, is presented on joining and a quarterly journal is mailed to keep you informed of coming events.

This summer English Heritage has more than 50 weekend functions, such as the American revolutionary battle on August 27 at Tilbury Fort in Essex.

For the single annual membership of £10 or a family membership of £20 (two adults and children under 16 years), English Heritage arranges half-price entry to the related sites in Scotland and Wales in the first year of membership and complimentary in subsequent years.

There are reductions to £14 for a single parent and to £6 for old-age pensioners. Because entry to one property alone can cost £4 for an adult and £2 a child, this can mean a useful saving.

Life membership of English Heritage costs £200 a person or £275 for joint membership. Yet the Welsh arm, known as CADW (Brunel House, 2 Fitzalan Road, Cardiff CF2 1UY) charges £160 and £200 respectively for life and gives free entry to not only its sites but the related sites in England and north of the border.

CADW costs £8 to join annually, but a family rate of £15 covers two adults and named children under 16 years. The annual child, student or OAP rate is £6. Entry to its 125 sites includes magnificent Caernarvon Castle.

The Scottish arm is the Historic Buildings and Monuments at 20 Brandon Street, Edinburgh EH3 5DX which costs £7 annually or £12 for the family rate.

This is not only the best yearly rate but the lowest for life membership at £100 or joint at £175. A pensioner can buy a life subscription for as little as £50 or £80 for joint. There are 340 sites under care in Scotland, of which a charge is normally made at 73 but it is complimentary to members. Edinburgh Castle, for instance, can cost £4 for a family entry.

The Country Houses Association was formed in 1955 and today has nine delightful properties open to the public, like Swallowfield Park near Reading, Pithouse at Tisbury in Wiltshire and Great Maytham Hall at Rolvenden in Kent. Entry normally costs £1 (50p a child) but is free to people with membership, which costs £5 plus £1 in the first year (joint is £10 plus £2 in the initial year).

Invitations when houses are not usually open

In addition to special mailings, members enjoy special open days, such as this month's garden party at Great Maytham Hall. Membership details are available from 41 Kingsway, London WC2B 6UB.

The Historic Houses Association (PO Box 21, Spirella House, Bridge Road, Letchworth, Hertfordshire SG6 4ET) gives free entry to more than 270 houses and gardens in England, Scotland and Wales to members. It costs £14.50 to become a friend and £23 for joint annually, but there is no life rate.

Homes such as Beaulieu in Hampshire are open to HHA Friends, who also receive the quarterly magazine and invitations to special days when houses not usually open to the public admit one.

By far the biggest non-government body for conserving Britain's heritage is the National Trust (PO Box 39, Bromley, Kent BR1 1NH). Founded in 1895, it looks after 270 properties, which include stately homes, castles, medieval barns, windmills, dovecotes and gardens.

Annual membership costs £15.50. Each additional member of the family can join for £8.50, but £28 secures a family rate (two adults and all their children aged 5-18 years). Life membership costs £300 and joint life £375, but this is reduced to £200 for pensioners or £275 where it is a joint life and one of the couple is of retirement age.

These subscriptions mean free entry to the trust's properties in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. There is also a reciprocal arrangement for Canada and New Zealand.

There is a useful saving by joining the National Trust for Scotland (5 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4DU), where annual membership costs £13.50 or a family £22 (two adults and all children under 18 years). This is reduced to £6.50 for pensioners.

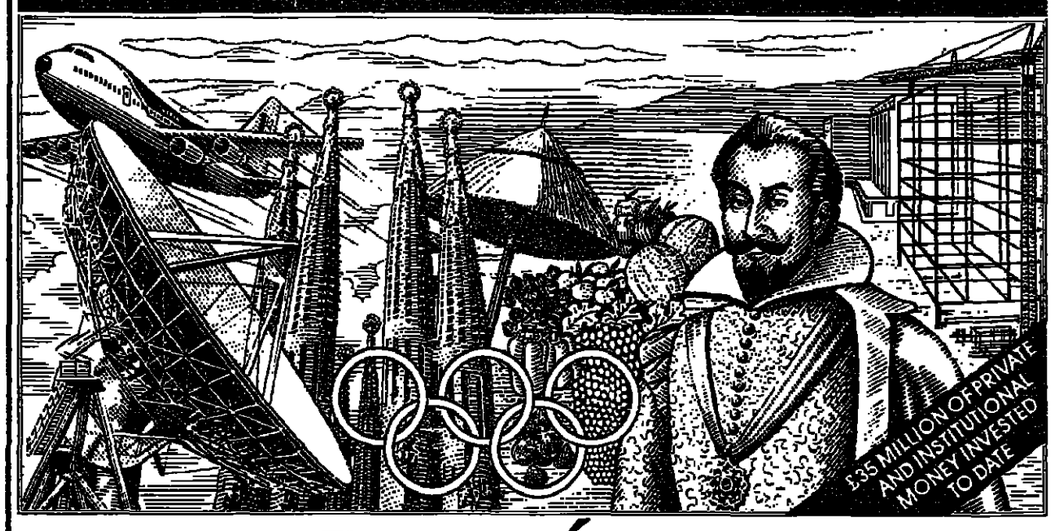
The life rates are £270 an individual or £400 joint, which then includes the cardholders' children. The pensioner's life charge is £125 and joining is £200. In addition to its 100 sites, membership of the independent Scottish Trust gives free entry to the rest of the National Trust.

If you live or have a relative in Jersey, Guernsey or the Isle of Man, it is beneficial to join their NT organizations. Jersey (The Elms, St Mary, Jersey, Channel Islands) charges £2 annual subscription or £4 for joint and has among its sites the mill at Quetivel.

The National Trust of Guernsey (Coombe House, St Julian's Avenue, St Peter Port, Guernsey CI) has £3 annual subscription and £5 joint. Life membership is a modest £50. In addition to its folk museum, it has recently acquired a Georgian shop in St Peter Port.

To become a friend of the Manx National Trust (Manx Museum, Douglas, Isle of Man) costs an annual £2 or a life rate of £20. The trust has three properties on the island which include Cregneash Folk Museum and the Grove Rural Life Museum. Normally the friend's card secures complimentary entry to NT properties on the mainland.

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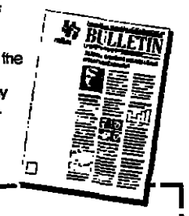
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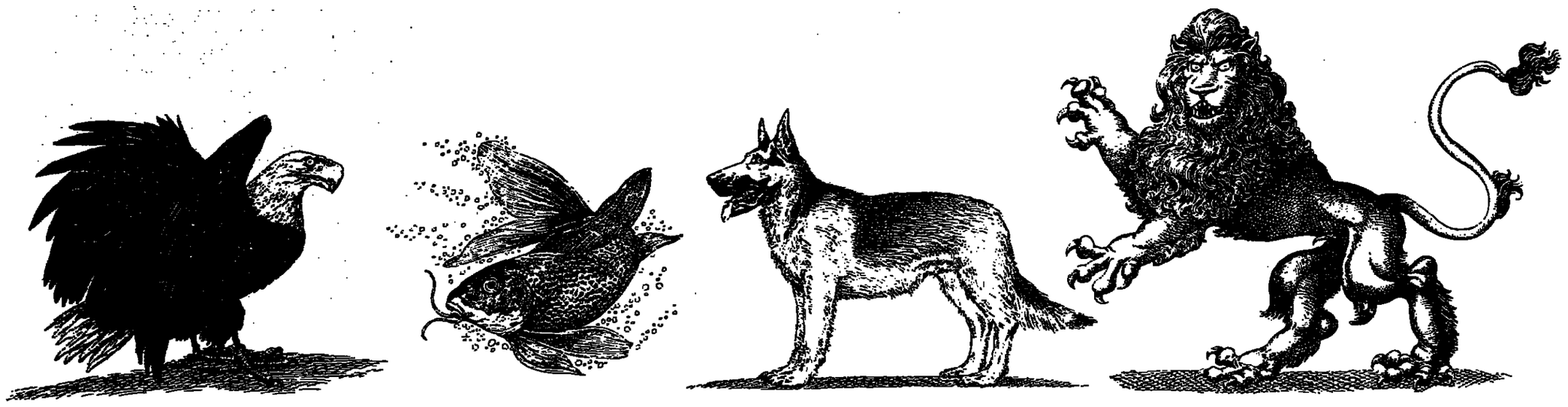
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Bank of Scotland Base Rate

Bank of Scotland announces that, with effect from Friday 7th August 1987 its Base Rate has been increased from 9.00% per annum to 10.00% per annum

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A FRIEND FOR LIFE

Snap goes the chain

Under the anomaly of English law, no home is safely sold until contracts have been exchanged, which can take several months. A chain of purchasers can therefore develop with no one prepared to be committed. But, writes DIANA WILDMAN, help is at hand

Various schemes can help the potential purchaser whose own buyer may have reneged on the agreement to buy. Perhaps the most cash-efficient method is to obtain a bridging loan but this needs to be done speedily.

Home Bridging, in association with Royal Life, offers "open" and "closed" bridging loans. The company says it can process loan applications within 24 hours.

Home Bridging believes its ability to process loans swiftly, is proving its greatest strength. The company says that during the year since its launch, requests for about 500 loans totalling more than £50 million have been received and are running at about 100 a month.

Loans are offered, subject to status, for between £20,000 and £200,000 to a limit of 95 per cent of the value of the old home. Home Bridging charges 3.5 per cent over base rate for a three-month maximum period.

Increasingly, house-builders and financial institutions are offering chain-breaking services that are variations on the theme of buying your house at a discount to unblock a stalled chain of sales.

Prudential Property Services started its chain-break ing service in November. It will buy a house for about 7.5 per cent less than its market value, once these criteria are met:

- Both the property and proposed purchase must be handled by a PPS estate agent.
- It must have already been sold, subject to contract.
- The chain has definitely collapsed, so the vendor cannot complete or exchange, but is either committed to or wants to buy a particular new home.

Christopher Haley, a PPS business development executive, says: "We make our profit by completing two sales which could otherwise eventually go elsewhere. The 7.5 per cent discount must be looked at nationally.

"The London and south-east market is strong, with properties normally selling quickly but in the North-East, for example, the 'sale-on' may take longer."

Mr Haley breaks down the 7.5 per cent discount in this way:

- Sales commission when the property is sold, 2 per cent.
- Three months (average) to carry the property at 1.25 per cent carrying costs per month, 3.75 per cent.
- Solicitors' fees in both purchase and sale, 1.5 per cent.
- Administrative costs 0.25 per cent.

The Legal & General's scheme, soon to be reviewed, is similar. Its first criterion is that the client must be using one of the 800 estate agents with which it has a relationship.It requires an initial £150 and wants an independent valuation, paid for by the vendor, together with a report from the estate agent.

L & G then determines the discount, subject to individual scrutiny.

Hedley Greatbatch, L & G's mortgage marketing manager, says: "We have had a chain-breaking facility for the last year, but we consider it really should be considered by the vendor as a last resort. We will make an offer based on the independent valuation and this price reflects the discount."

Schools plan by Sun Life

■ Sun Life of Canada has launched the Immediate School Fees Plan. Under the scheme, a secured-loan facility is agreed with the Bank of Scotland. Parents can draw on the loan at any time, using a cheque book. The loan can run for between 10 and 25 years, and is repaid by any suitable Sun Life of Canada investment policy.

Interest on the loan is either Bank of Scotland base rate plus 2 per cent or the bank's home loan rate plus 1 per cent. The arrangement fee for the loan is £150.

■ Lloyds Bank announced yesterday that the interest rate charged to its Access cardholders will rise by 0.1 per cent a month to 1.9 per cent a month (APR 25.3) with effect from September 4.

■ Friends' Provident is launching four new unit trusts on October 13:*International Growth, European Growth, North American Stewardship and the Stewardship Income trust.* Towards the end of the year, a regular savings plan will be introduced.

■ Members of the Manchester Building Society can now order both Sterling travellers cheques and foreign currency from any of its 50 agencies. No commission is charged.



Jaguar XK150: a classic car and now not so hard to insure

■ Vintage Motor Policies of Worthing is a new company which has been set up to provide insurance for old but valuable cars which are used for a limited mileage each year. The managing director, Geoff Stilwell, believes that many motor-insurance companies are neither interested in, nor equipped to deal with this specialist market.

Cover for accidental damage, fire and theft is being underwritten by Isle of Man Assurance, and National Employers Mutual is providing third-party insurance. Policies are available for cars which do 1,500, 3,000 or 5,000 miles a year, which are worth up to £100,000, and are at least 20 years old. The company estimates that more than 400,000 vintage cars meet these criteria.
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Portfolio Gold

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 27).

Share No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+6	+2	+3	+5	+4		
2	+3	+3	+5	+7	+2		
3	+4	+2	+2	+2	+2		
4	+5	+2	+2	+4	+4		
5	+5	+5	+3	+4	+2		
6	+3	+1	+2	+3	+1		
7	+4	+1	+6	+6	+4		
8	+4	+3	+3	+1	+3		
9	+2	+2	+2	+5	+1		
10	+4	+2	+3	+3	+5		
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LEGAL AND FINANCIAL

A wave of cheque books as the private men go public

Edward Fennell looks at the problems of solicitors and accountants now that they can advertise their professional services

Recent relaxation of rules against advertising may have created more problems than they have solved for accountants and solicitors. Like small boys who have been drilled into not eating sweets, the two professions are feeling nervous now that the tuck shop doors have been flung open and they can indulge themselves as much, or as little as they wish.

"We went in right away with a punchy series of ads on the local radio station," said solicitor Stephen Gold of Donnelly & Elliott in Portsmouth. "Unfortunately we now rather regret it. Having spent quite a lot of money on the exercise we concluded at the end of the day that it had been a waste of time. Although there was a certain amount of response it barely covered our costs. I don't think that we would do it again."

The problem with advertising, of course, is that the as soon as one firm in the neighbourhood starts to splash out their competitors may be forced, however reluctantly, to follow suit. In the good old days, when virtually nothing was permitted, everyone could sit back and ignore professional image-building and difficult questions like the difference between "above-the-line" and "below-the-line."

Now, however, nobody can afford to be without a public relations strategy of some sort and the rule changes have undoubtedly forced firms to think about their image in a way they never had before.

Naturally some of the more macho firms have seized the opportunity and rushed forward with cheque books waving. Burnetts of Carlisle, for example, recently ran a series of 32 20-second advertisements on Border Television and according to partner Richard Bain it certainly produced results. "We had calls from as far away as Scotland and we are quite sure that it has helped to spread the word about our existence right across Cumbria. Frankly, I'm glad that the floodgates of advertising are now open and we're certainly going to take advantage of the new situation."

John Griffin from the firm of Abels in Southampton wasn't so sure. "To be honest I think it's a wasted effort for individual solicitors to advertise — and personally I don't think that I would want as a client anyone who came to us because they had seen us in an advertisment. I just don't think that I would trust their judgment."

Chartered accountants, of course, have had a year or two longer than the solicitors to savour the new liberties and already there have been some distinguished campaigns.

No one, for example, could have missed the Peat Marwick McLintock "Hands Up" posters on railways stations, advertising the fact that a new company had been formed from the merging of Peat Marwick and KMG Thomson McLintock.

According to Tim Roberts, head of public relations at PMM, the advertisements had delivered the goods. "Subsequent research of the target audience showed that 25 per cent had picked up on our new name and that, I think, is quite impressive. Mind you, the message was quite simple and straightforward and I don't believe that anything more complex would have been so successful."

Peat Marwick McLintock is now recognized as being the country's leading firm of accountants by 29 per cent of key decision makers. This puts it in clear first place ahead of Price Waterhouse by three points and a hefty 16 points ahead of third-running Coopers and Lybrand.

Tim Roberts attributed this success to skilful public relations rather than advertising as such. "Primarily, what sells this firm is the quality of its partners," said Mr Roberts, "and my aim is to put partners in front of potential clients as often as possible. That is what our PR campaign is about — and it seems to be working."

It remains to be seen exactly what sort of PR or advertising will work for solicitors. Michael White of the PR firm Good Relations is acting on behalf of a couple of leading London firms and points out that, unlike most businesses, firms of solicitors lack a management structure which permits any one person to make a decision.

"Whatever we produce has to satisfy the partnership as a whole and that can be very difficult," said Mr White who is a former barrister. "It's no good devising an image which some of the partners won't work with. But it can be a long and laborious process and difficult to adjust to for both the solicitors and the agency".

Despite the misgivings of some solicitors, Michael White is convinced that the profession as a whole will have to become much more sophisticated in its dealing with the outside world.

"The challenge to us in PR is to produce something which is appropriate to the client and will also suit their various markets — and when you are dealing with an international firm that can sometimes be very complex," said Mr White, who considers that the role of brochures in particular will become increasingly important.

Overall, therefore, the signs are that for different reasons and different ways the professions are coming round to accept the idea of the need for advertising.

"In general we've been surprised how well people have taken to it," said Susan Wood of the Law Society.

"There were lots of people who said it would never happen but the number of firms who have done something has been surprising. In the long term it is bound to grow considerably."

A classic example of a new mood in the profession was seen in Hampshire where the local Law Society decided recently that it was important to promote the services of its members as a group in an attempt to counter the threat to their traditional bread and butter business from other specialists.

The result was a somewhat tentative television ad on TVS in which the viewer was treated to the sight of scores of local lawyers standing in parkland, clad in Barbour green-waxed jackets

The exact allegorical significance of this image was not, it must be admitted, altogether clear. The cynical viewer might have been forgiven for thinking that all these solicitors would have been better spending the day in the office on a bit of conveyancing or replying to their backlog of letters rather than posing for television. Frankly, appealing for work while simultaneously complaining that they already have too much seems a perverse way of serving the public.

Nonetheless, we clearly have a long way to go before we are exposed to the brashness of American lawyers who have pushed their TV advertisements to the limits of good taste. So long as my solicitor continues to look uncomfortable in front of a camera I'll know I can trust him.

Law Report August 8 1987

Assessing equitable interest in house

Passee v Passee
Before Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Nicholls
[Judgment July 8]

In assessing a claimant's equitable interest in a property it was wrong to disregard contributions made towards the mortgage on the ground that at that stage the mortgage repayments consisted mainly of interest and not principal.

Accordingly, the Court of Appeal varied an order made by Judge Main, QC, at Brentford County Court on March 30, 1987 in an action between the plaintiff, Selwyn Wilfred Ashley Passee, and the defendant, Leda Passee.

Mr Martin Jones for the defendant; Mr Donald Lambie for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE NICHOLLS said that the defendant, who was the plaintiff's aunt, acted for herself and as personal representative of the estate of her daughter, Claudia, who died in 1972. The action concerned a house at 24 Bedford Road, Ealing, London which was registered in the sole name of the plaintiff.

The plaintiff claimed possession and mesne profit but the substantive issues arose in the defendant's counter-claim as to whether the defendant and Claudia's estate had any beneficial interest in the house and if so the extent of that interest.

The judge ordered that the plaintiff held the house on trust for himself and the defendant and the estate of Claudia in the proportions of one-tenth for the defendant, one-twentieth for Claudia's estate and the remainder for himself.

There was a conflict of evidence at the trial and the judge concluded that he preferred that of the defendant who said that the decision to buy the house was a joint decision of the parties and Claudia, that she had contributed £500 while Claudie contributed £250, and that neither sum had been repaid.

The defendant and Claudia then contributed weekly to outgoings including the mortgage repayments. The judge said that the problem of quantification was always difficult and in the present case complicated by Claudia's death in 1972. The defendant was devastated but remained in the house until November 1985, and continued to pay her way.

The plaintiff carried out a great deal of work to maintain and improve the house with the aid of further loans and the defendant played no part in any of those decisions. The house was valued at £67,500 in May 1986.

In arriving at his decision the judge took into consideration that at the early stages the mortgage repayments would have been mainly interest and that there were in the house other resident members of the family, not claiming to be part owners, who had also paid similar weekly contributions.

The judge took the view that the defendant's share in the equity derived from her initial contribution and that in any event it in effect crystallized on Claudia's death in 1972. On appeal the defendant submitted that she was personally entitled to two-fifths of the property and that the estate of Claudia was entitled to a one-fifth share.

She criticized the judge's reasoning in that having found that the plaintiff was the nominal owner to avoid complications with the mortgage, the judge gave very little weight to the assistance given by the defendant and Claudia towards mortgage repayments on the ground that there was a distinction between principal and interest.

In his Lordship's view the judge fell into error in an important respect and in the context of the figures, the mortgage repayments were a significant item.

Moreover there was no justification for the judge to crystallize the defendant's interest at the date of Claudia's death, having regard to the fact that the judge accepted that she continued to pay her way.

The judge also misdirected himself in having regard to rent contributions paid by non-owner relations living in the house. Those were contributions made to defray expenses in the house which belonged to the plaintiff, defendant and Claudia, and had no effect on their interest in the property.

However, based upon the principles set out by Lord Justice Fox in *Burns v Burns* ([1984] Ch 317, 326) the judge was right to take into account the cost to the plaintiff of subsequent capital improvements to the property.

It was open to the judge to take into account all the circumstances and infer that there was an intention by the parties that their share in the property was to be arrived at by having regard not only to their initial contributions but also to capital improvements.

Applying those principles to the facts of the present case and in particular to the fact the Claudia died about half way through the repayment of the GLC mortgage and made no contributions thereafter, the parties' interest in the proceeds of sale of the house should be 60 per cent to the plaintiff, 30 per cent to the defendant and 10 per cent to Claudia's estate.

The plaintiff had asked the court to set a date for the valuation of the beneficial interest.

However, it would not be right to compel the defendant to accept the quantification of a sum substantially earlier than payment was made to her and to look to interest in the intervening period.

Interest was a poor substitute having regard to the property market currently prevailing in London and the defendant should have her proportion of the actual proceeds of sale.

Lord Justice Woolf delivered a concurring judgment.

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Britons horn in on the Rams while hoping to be broken in by the Broncos

Behind the Gridiron Curtain

By Robert Kirley

As a slice of Americana, gridiron football is right up there with blue jeans, skyscrapers and pecan pie; as a spectacle, a National Football League game is the distillation of a Springsteen concert, a Las Vegas review and a latter-day *Gunfight at the OK Corral*. Real American stuff, as they say. For three and a half hours tomorrow, kicking off at 6 p.m., Wembley will take on an aura strangely evocative of Green Bay, Kansas City, Atlanta or Dallas on a midsummer's eve.

Perhaps it says something fundamental about the sport's appeal that 80,000 British supporters will cheer on their adopted favourites in the national stadium and that thousands more will watch the delayed screening on television (Channel 4 at 10.15). That the American Bowl '87, which features two of the finest NFL clubs, the Denver Broncos and the Los Angeles Rams, should generate such interest far from the sport's native shores is a tribute to the game's colour, precision and, undeniably, to what has been described as its "controlled violence". Maybe it is the sport's telegenic qualities, slickly boiled down to its action-packed essence.

"I think it's great that the people over here are interested in us," the quarterback, Jim Everett, of the Rams, said before a workout at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre. "Hopefully, it'll help the popularity of the game."

The marketing people would heartily concur. Over the past few days, the exhibition hall at the American Embassy was bustling with manufacturers who were displaying a tantalizing array of gridiron gear to British business people: from shiny helmets to spiffing boots, from state-of-the-art knee supports to Eric Dickerson-style safety goggles, from kick-off tees to video games.

And NFL club logos abounded: logo T-shirts, logo caps, logo dolls, logo doormats (Tampa Bay Buccaneers backers take note), logo toys, logo gadgets and even logo stadium seat cushions. Indeed, there is money to be made in this business of sporting import-export. "And this isn't that stuff from Taiwan," one exhibitor said. Of course not. It is, after all, real American stuff. Like tomorrow's game.

The Broncos-Rams match is the first of five pre-season exhibitions for the clubs; curiously, they will meet in another pre-season game in Los Angeles on August 29. Tomorrow's contest is crucial for first-year players who are trying to secure a job. Thus there is no prospect that the players will merely go through the motions.

The coaches stress, and the players, all of whom demonstrated exceptional ability in college, know, that three things can happen if you "let up" in football: you can ruin the play, you can get hurt and you can find yourself out of a pay-cheque and scrambling to get back into college to finish your degree.

Of the 150 or so players who have come to London, only 90 will be wearing Bronco orange and blue or Ram blue and gold when the regular season starts next month. So the pads will be popping at Wembley.

The Broncos were the champions of the American Football Conference last season and runners-up to the New York Giants in Super Bowl XXI last January, so the Rams, of the National Football Conference, will relish the opportunity to measure themselves against the best from the rival side of the standings.

The Broncos are led by the quarterback, John Elway, who passed for more than 3,000 yards for the second consecutive season in 1986-87. The first player chosen in the 1983 draft of college players, Elway has played only four NFL seasons, but he holds the club record for passing attempts and completions. He requires just 259 yards passing and nine touchdown passes to break club records. Quick on his feet and a dauntingly solid 6ft 3in, he is a handful for smaller defensive backs when he breaks into the clear.



The Ram to lead his flock: Everett is a quarterback who asks no quarter

Dickerson, the Rams' running back, led the NFL in yardage for the third time in his four seasons last year. He is the best at what he does – despite the "gang-tackling" tactics of many opponents – and he is, along with the likes of Dan Marino, of the Miami Dolphins, and Lawrence Taylor, of the Giants, one of the most prominent players in the game and one of the biggest superstars in all of American sport.

The second-year quarterback, Everett, of Los Angeles, will be playing in his first NFL exhibition game. A former record-setter at Purdue University, he refused to sign a contract with the Houston Oilers, the club that drafted him last year, and joined the Rams after a transfer at the start of the regular season. His redoubtable skill should enable the Rams to vary, or "open up", their offence from the heavy reliance they have placed on Dickerson's running in the past.

The Rams' coach, John Robinson, a noted conservative as a tactician, believes that Everett will become the next great NFL passer. Robinson, aged 52, is leading the Rams for his fifth season; last year he became the third man in league history to direct his club to the play-offs in each of his first four seasons.

The coach of the Broncos, Dan Reeves, a former workmanlike running back with the Dallas Cowboys, is beginning his seventh season with Denver. Aged 43, he has led the team to three of the four best won-lost records in club history.

AMERICAN BOWL '87 OFFENSIVE LINE-UPS

Los Angeles Rams			Denver Broncos	
Player	No.	Position	Player	No.
Ron Brown	89	Wide receiver	Vance Johnson	82
Irv Pankey	75	Left tackle	Dave Studdard	70
Tom Newberry	66	Left guard	Keith Bishop	54
Doug Smith	56	Centre	Billy Bryan	64
Dennis Harrah	60	Right guard	Mark Cooper	63
Jackie Slater	78	Right tackle	Ken Lanier	76
Dave Hill	81	Tight end	Clarence Kay	88
Henry Ellard	80	Wide receiver	Steve Watson	81
Jim Everett	11	Quarterback	John Elway	7
Mike Guman	44	Running back	Sammy Winder	23
Eric Dickerson	29	Running back	Gene Lang	33

ROWING

British out to break golden jinx

From Jim Railton
Cologne

What has impressed me about the British team competing here in the world junior championships is their spirit and racing aggression. I hope this is transferable to some of their seniors, who have their world championships in just over two weeks' time in Copenhagen.

After yesterday's rest day the semi-final rounds take place today and the finals tomorrow. None of the nine British crews has been eliminated. Great Britain so far has reached three finals (the women's eight have a straight final). Three men's crews contest today's semi-finals and three crews will row their hearts out in tomorrow's *petite finales*.

Many a crew drawn against East Germany and the Soviet Union in the heats – one crew goes through directly to the final – would have thrown the towel in and opted for the *repêchages*. The men's coxless four, Great Britain's flagship, decided otherwise. They let the Soviet Union and East Germany set off at a suicidal pace and then rowed them down with a sensible and mature race pattern. They cut through the East Germans in the last 500 metres and the Soviets cracked just before the finish.

In tomorrow's final, arguably the toughest event of the competition, Great Britain line up alongside Italy, Poland, the Soviet Union and East and West Germany. The British four carry an extra burden in an attempt to break a jinx. Since the first FISA junior championships at Ioannina in Greece in 1970, Great Britain's junior men have won eight silver and five bronze medals but never a gold. In the last two years Great Britain has won the silver in coxless fours.

Great Britain's juniors desperately need that gold medal if only to underline how much they appear to be neglected and underfunded. The coxless four know they will have to find *something a little extra* to achieve their aim but it is tantalizingly within their grasp.

The British men's eight, with their sustained finish, aim to make their presence felt, too, in the final against the Soviet Union, France, the United States and East and West Germany. Again this is an unpredictable race but the main thing is that Great Britain is one of the unknown forces.

MEN'S SEMI-FINAL DRAW (first three to the final): Coxed fours: Czechoslovakia, The Netherlands, East Germany, Italy, Great Britain, United States. Double sculls: East Germany, Great Britain, United States, Switzerland, Denmark, Bulgaria. Coxless pairs: Italy, Bulgaria, Hungary, Yugoslavia, West Germany, Great Britain.

Three for Aldridge

John Aldridge scored three goals, and Paul Walsh, one when Liverpool beat Vaalerengen of Oslo 4-1 in a pre-season warm-up match in the Bislett Stadium. Vaalerengen took a surprise lead in the fifteenth minute with a fine header by Fredheim before Aldridge equalized with a fortieth-minute penalty after being brought down.

RUGBY UNION

Craven changing his stance on unauthorized tours

Johannesburg (AFP) – Dr Danie Craven, the chairman of the South African Rugby Board, has increased the likelihood of a tour by a "rebel" Australian side by expressing his willingness to resign from the International Rugby Board (IRB) if such a tour takes place.

In doing so he appeared to backtrack on an undertaking given to the IRB that he would prevent such unauthorized visits.

Craven, aged 76, was interviewed on the same televison programme as the former Australian captain, Andrew Slack, and his successor, David Codey, who had earlier asserted that 30 of Australia's leading 40 players were prepared to write off their international careers by touring within the next few weeks. They are in South Africa as guests of the Natal Union.

Craven not only failed to reprimand leading Springboks who support an Australian visit, he effectively gave them his support. "If it is the best thing for South African rugby to pull out of the IRB, and if it meant being beneficial to the players and the public, I would step down," he said.

Craven also reacted to remarks made by the Australian Sports Minister, John Brown, who has warned that players who visit South Africa were placing the future of the code in Australia in jeopardy. Craven said: "Mr Brown is a self-appointed high priest. He turns a blind eye to Australian surfers visiting this country, yet rugby players are not allowed – I think perhaps we should repay him."

Craven promised the IRB last year there would be no more rebel tours, after New Zealand's leading players had ventured under the name of The Cavaliers. The IRB committed itself to a future official tour for South Africa, but without giving a date.

In his interview Codey said: "The problem is not the Australian Rugby Football Union (ARFU) it is the Government." Slack added: "To a certain extent our union has capitulated. It is now time to stand up and be counted."

Slack and Codey have been accused of misleading officials about the reasons for their visit. "As far as we knew, they were going to to explain to the players why we couldn't send a team there," John Dedrick, executive director of the ARFU, said. "Then we find out that they are over there apparently sounding out the possibility of a tour." Dedrick said he doubted whether either player would be disciplined or reprimanded by the ARFU when they returned, because they had gone as individuals.

He denied claims by Codey that the ARFU had given in to Government blackmail. "The criticism by Codey and Slack is ill-informed and definitely incorrect," Dedrick said. "Our grant from the Government is a small matter compared with the well-being of the game. We are more concerned for the future of the 180,000 players in Australia than of 30 elite or gifted ones," he said.

TENNIS

Decided on the baseline

From Barry Wood
San Diego

Sara Gomer, of Britain, failed to overcome the resolute challenge of Kate Gompert in the third round of the Virginia Slims of San Diego, losing 6-4, 6-2. In a match that consisted almost entirely of fierce, baseline rallies the California girl simply made fewer unforced errors.

She always seemed to be able to anticipate where Miss Gomer would hit the ball.

"Her forehand usually goes cross-court so I was ready for that," the second seed said. "But it was a tough match and a lot closer than the score makes it look. I felt I was concentrating well and that made the difference."

Miss Gomer agreed. "Her concentration was much better than mine, and she returned my serve very well all the way through. I stayed back a lot because if I went to the net I felt I was going to be passed."

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St Johnstone v Ayr
Stenhousemuir v Albion

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: John Kirk testimonial: Bournemouth v Southampton (7.30); Peter Mendsam's testimonial: Norwich v Real Sociedad (8.0); Aston Villa v Coventry; Doncaster v Barnsley; Maidstone v Wimbledon.

SPORT ON TV

INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS: European junior championships from Alexander stadium, Birmingham. C4: 6.30 p.m.
CRICKET: Fifth Cornhill Insurance Test: England v Pakistan from The Oval. BBC2: 4.40 p.m. Highlights: BBC1: 12.45 a.m. (tomorrow) (see also Grandstand).
FOOTBALL: Mercantile Credit Centenary Classic: *Football League XI v Rest of the World XI* live from Wembley. ITV: 2.30 p.m.
GOLF: Alloa Scottish PGA championship from Glenbervie, Grampian and Scottish TV: 3.30 p.m.
INTERNATIONAL GOLF: United States PGA championship from PGA National club, Florida. BBC1: 11.15 p.m.
GRANDSTAND: Cricket: Fifth Cornhill Insurance Test: England v Pakistan from The Oval (see also BBC2); Motor Sport: British Midland Ulster rally and 1987 British Karting Grand Prix; Racing: 2.15, 2.45 and 3.15 races from Haydock. BBC1: 10.55 a.m.-5.05 p.m.
RACING: 3.05, 3.35, 4.10 and 4.40 races from Newmarket. C4: 3 p.m.

Tomorrow
AMERICAN FOOTBALL: America Bowl 1987: Denver Broncos v Los Angeles Rams. Highlights from Wembley. C4: 10.15 p.m.-12.15 a.m.

CRICKET
Fifth Cornhill Test match
11.0, 90 overs minimum
THE OVAL: England v Pakistan.
Britannic Assurance County Championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Surrey.
CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Kent.
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Lancashire.
HINCKLEY: Leicestershire v Warwickshire.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Worcestershire.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Essex.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Somerset.
SHEFFIELD: Yorkshire v Sussex.
Women's tour match
11.0, 55 overs
MALVERN COLLEGE: Mid West v Australians.

BASEBALL
SCOTTISH AMICABLE NATIONAL LEAGUE (2.0): Nottingham Knights v Mersey Mariners; London Warriors v Humberside County Bears; Lancashire Red Sox v Southern Tigers.

OTHER SPORT
AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Budweiser League Grid Aid charity tournament (at Greendord, Middlesex, 11 a.m.).
ARCHERY: British target championships (at Lichfield).
ATHLETICS: European junior championships (at Alexander stadium, Birmingham).
BOARD SAILING: UKBSA first and second division nationals (at Whitstable).
BOWLS: All England crown green finals (at Coventry); Dewar's Scottish championship finals (at Glasgow); Bournemouth open tournament.
CYCLING: British track championships (at Leicester); Cleveland Wheelers pro-am 99 miles (at Newby, North Yorkshire, 12 p.m.); Morden CRC 62 miles (at Ellens Green, Surrey, 1.30); North Buckinghamshire 50 miles (at Little Paxton, Cambridgeshire, 3.0); Hainault RC 25 miles (at Quendon, 2.0).
EQUESTRIANISM: British horse trial championships (at Locko Park, Derbyshire).
GLIDING: 15m Class nationals (at Husbands Bosworth, Leicester).
GOLF: Alloa Scottish PGA championship (at Glenbervie); PGA Midland masters (at Telford); PGA Northern championship (at *Haigh Hall*).
MOTOR CYCLING: Championship races (at Snetterton).
MOTOR SPORT: British Karting Grand Prix meeting (at Silverstone).
SPEEDWAY: National League (7.0): Berwick v Peterborough; Canterbury v Middenhall; Stoke v Arena Essex (7.30).
SQUASH RACKETS: Abbey National Women's Junior World team championship (at University of Sussex, Brighton).
SWIMMING: Esso national age group championships (at Coventry).
TENNIS: Charlie Brown's open championship (at Ilkley); LTA VW, Sumner and Tabor ratings tournament (at Berkhamsted, 1.45).
WRESTLING: Great Britain Challenge Cup (Horwich, Bolton).
YACHTING: Admiral's Cup (at Cowes); Cutty Sark tall ships race (at Weymouth); Cadet international open regatta (at Pwllheli); Topper European and national championships (at Thorpe Bay); 505 national championship (at Prestwick); RORC Fastnet race (at Cowes); Abersoch regatta.

TOMORROW

Refuge Assurance League
2.0 to 7.0 unless stated, 40 overs
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Surrey.
CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Kent (1.30 to 6.30).
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Glamorgan.
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Warwickshire.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Lancashire.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Essex.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Somerset.
HULL: Yorkshire v Sussex.
Other matches
ARUNDEL: Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI v Rest of the World XI.
WELSHPOOL: Wales v Ireland.
WARWICK UNDER-25 COMPETITION: Semi-final: Worcester: Worcestershire v Middlesex.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Eastern division: Bedford (Goldington Bury): Bedfordshire v Lincolnshire; Millom: Cumberland v Durham; Ipswich (Rands one and Rosevelt): Suffolk v Northumberland. Western division: Kidmore End: Berkshire v Shropshire; High Wycombe: Buckinghamshire v Cheshire.
THE CRICKETER CUP Final: Vincent's Square: Old Cirhomians v Shrewsbury Saracens.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL
AMERICAN BOWL 87: Denver Broncos v Los Angeles Rams (at Wembley, 6.0).

FOOTBALL
PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Tommy Burns testimonial: Celtic v Liverpool; Eddie Chapman's Testimonial: West Ham v Ron Greenwood's International XI; Len Chatterton testimonial: Crystal Palace v Watford; Bradford v Halifax (11.0); Derry City v Leicester; Hinckley Town v Real Sociedad *(8.0)*; Notts County v Nottingham Forest; Scarborough v Sheffield Wednesday.

OTHER SPORT
ARCHERY: British target championships (at Lichfield).
ATHLETICS: European junior championships (at Alexander stadium, Birmingham).
BOARD SAILING: UKBSA first and second division nationals (at Whitstable).
BOXING: IBF World Super-featherweight championship: Barry Michael (Aus) v Rocky Lockridge (US) (at Blazer's, Windsor).
CYCLING: Bromsgrove GP 60 miles (at Bromsgrove, 10 a.m.); Stockport town centre races (1.0); Bovington 80 miles (at Bovington Camp, 10 a.m.); Harp RC 82 miles (at Long Crendon, 10 a.m.); National junior championship 25 miles (at Quendon, 10 a.m.); Westerley RC 100 miles (at Bicester, 6 a.m.); Southend and County Wheelers 50 miles (at Mountnessing, 6 a.m.); Unity CC 25 miles (at Horndon, Essex, 8 a.m.).
GLIDING: 15m Class nationals (at Husbands Bosworth, Leicester).
GOLF: Alloa Scottish PGA championship (at Glenbervie); PGA Midland masters (at Telford); PGA Northern championship (at Haigh Hall).
MOTOR CYCLING: Championship races (at Snetterton).
MOTOR SPORT: Lucas British Formula three championship meeting (at Donington Park); British Karting Grand Prix *meeting (at Silverstone)*; GM Dealers day (at Brands Hatch).
POWERBOATING: KBSC Trophy national offshore races (at Cuxton).
SHOOTING: National small-bore rifle championships (at Bisley).
SPEEDWAY: FSO Four team championship (at Peterborough, 2.0).
SQUASH RACKETS: Abbey National Women's Junior World team championship (at University of Sussex, Brighton).
TENNIS: Silk Cut challenge: Scottish area final (at Newlands LTC, Glasgow, 10 a.m.).
TRIATHLON: National championships (at Kings Lynn).
WRESTLING: Great Britain Challenge Cup (Horwich, Bolton).
YACHTING: Admiral's Cup (at Cowes); Cutty Sark tall ships race (at Weymouth); Cadet World championship (at Pwllheli); Topper European and national championships (at Thorpe Bay); 505 national championship (at Prestwick); RORC Fastnet race (from Cowes).

RACING

SOUTHWELL

Selections
By Mandarin

2.0 Nap Majestica. 2.30 Santo Princess. 3.0 Small Money. 3.30 Discain Boy. 4.0 Giolla Padraig. 4.30 Holly Buoy.

Going: firm

2.0 BLEASBY NOVICES' HURDLE (£685: 2m) (12 runners)
2 F/3- CHEEKY TICO 301 W Clay 7-11-0 ..... Diane Clay (7)
3 /PP- CLARENCES HOPE 106 Ron Thompson 6-11-0 ..... R Balfour
6 00- PRINCE OF AMPNEY 350 K Wingrove 6-11-0 ..... Mr J Railton (7)
7 000- PRINCE SOL 269 V Thompson 8-11-0 ..... Mr M Thompson (4)
8 SAB-AN 247 Mrs S Oliver 5-11-0 ..... R Hyett
9 04-0 DRY GIN 7 M Chapman 4-10-11 ..... S Mitchell (7)
11 NAP MAJESTICA M Camacho 4-10-11 ..... M Dwyer
13 000- WILLIE THE MOON 157 C Spares 4-10-11 ..... K Sims
14 000- W SEAFIELD 77 W A Stephenson 4-10-11 A Merrigan (7)
17 P0- RENDSLEY BOUDICA 145 G Barnett 5-10-9.. M Bowlby
18 02-0 TIP-TAP 7 J Pearce 5-10-9 ..... N Doughty
20 *FULL OF LIFE* M Pipe 4-10-6 ..... P Scudamore

9-4 Dry Gin, 7-2 Tip Tap, 9-2 Full Of Life, 13-2 Cheeky Tico, 10-1 Nap Majestica, 12-1 W Seafield, 14-1 Sab-An, 16-1 others.

2.30 KELHAM SELLING HURDLE (3-Y-O: £870.10: 2m) (16)
2 GREEN'S SEYMOUR (B) D Yeoman 10-12 ... C Hawkins
3 MAGNOLIA DANCER I Campbell 10-12 ..... A Stringer
4 MARKET SPIRIT P Blockley 10-12 ..... W Smith (7)
6 0 MEADOW TERRRACE G Moore 10-12 ..... M Hammond
8 O'CONNELL STREET M Tompkins 10-12 ..... S J O'Neill
9 P PRINCE MAC 7 W Kemp 10-12 ..... S Stilgoe
10 RA RAVER W Clay 10-12 ..... Diane Clay (7)
12 SHANNON RIVER (B) J J O'Neill 10-12 ..... M Dwyer
15 ABSOLUTELY FREE C Thornton 10-7 ..... D Wilkinson
17 0 BUNCHES 7 (B) I Campbell 10-7 ..... R Campbell
18 0 HAPPY HARRIET 7 J Parkes 10-7 ..... K Bartle (4)
19 JUST ENCHANTING J Dawes 10-7 ..... D Morris (7)
23 MISS DRUMMOND N Tinkler 10-7 ..... R Dunwoody
24 RELAMPEGO J Jenkins 10-7 ..... —
26 SANTO PRINCESS D Wintle 10-7 ..... A Carroll
31 VICTORIA STAR Mrs G Reveley 10-7 ..... P Niven

15-8 Meadow Terrace 7, 4-1 Shannon River, 5-1 O'Connell Street, 8-1 Victoria Star, 10-1 Bunches, Miss Drummond.

3.0 EAST STOKE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,935: 3m 110yd) (4)
4 3P2- SMALL MONEY 75 (S) Mrs W Sykes 9-11-10 ..... S Morshead
6 30P- PARSON'S PRIDE 75 (CD,F,G) K Wingrove 12-10-13 ..... —
7 2PF- BARNABY SAM 77 (F) R Hollinshead 8-10-12.. P Dever
9 /0U- DOVERIDGE 257 J Harris 6-10-11 ..... Mr A Walton (7)

5-4 Small Money, 2-1 Parson's Pride, 4-1 Barnaby Sam, 11-2 Doveridge.

3.30 WHITEMOOR HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,308: 2m 4f) (7)
2 12-1 KAVAKA 7 (F,G) G Moore 5-11-13 ..... M Hammond
3 20-2 DISCAIN BOY 7 (BF,V,F,G) C Tinkler 7-11-10 ..... G McCourt
5 10-0 NIPPY CHIPPY 7 (G,S) N Tinkler 4-10-12 ..... Miss G Armytage
7 011- WYVERN 74 (F) (D) W Clay 4-10-8 ..... Mr J Ryan (7)
6 201- POLYNOR 103 (F) M Ryan 5-10-8 ..... Diane Clay (7)
10 004- GALAWOOD 115 (F,S) J Parkes 6-10-7 ..... P Niven
17 000- TEUCER 165 (F,G,S) V Thompson 7-10-0 ..... Mr M Thompson (4)

11-8 Kavaka, 3-1 Discain Boy, 5-1 Nippy Chippy, 7-1 Galawood, 12-1 Polynor, 16-1 Teucar, Wynern.

4.0 GIBSMERE NOVICES CHASE (£910.35: 2m 74yd) (5)
1 3P-0 COUNT BLYTHE 1 P Monteith 9-10-12 ..... D Nolan
2 1F/U EXCAVATOR EXPERT 7 (F,G) T Kersey 7-10-12 ..... G Hanlon
3 402- GIOLLA PADRAIG 77 W A Stephenson 9-10-12 R Lamb
4 00-F IT'M FOR GALA 7 (F) C Holmes 6-10-12 ..... A Webb
12 0P2- MADAM SHAKIRA 73 R Pescock 8-10-7 ..... S J O'Neill

6-4 Madam Shakira, 5-2 It'm For Gala, 7-2 Giolla Padraig, 6-1 Excavator Expert, 12-1 Count Blythe.

4.30 GOVERTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,660: 3m) (9)
1 /01- HOLLY BUOY 78 (F,G,S) Mrs G Reveley 7-12-0 ..... N Smith (7)
2 231- NIGHT GUEST 75 (F,G) P Monteith 5-11-10 ..... D Nolan
4 101- ASTICOT 240 (F,S) D Wintle 5-11-2 ..... A Carroll
5 032- SENOR RAMOS 77 (B,G,S) Ron Thompson 5-10-12 ..... R Balfour
7 340- *MINATURE MISS* 253 (D,F,G) W A Stephenson 5-10-11 ..... —
8 00-0 FORTUNE FINDER 7 R Hanlon 5-10-9 ..... R Crank
9 0P-4 DAME FLORA 7 (F) W Kemp 5-10-6 ..... S Stilgoe
12 312- DO OR DIE 453 (C,S) O O'Neill 10-10-4.. W Humphreys
13 432- UNCLE OLIVER 75 (G,S) V Thompson 6-10-0 ..... —

3-1 Holly Buoy, 7-2 Asticot, 4-1 Do Or Die, 6-1 Senor Ramos, 8-1 Night Guest, 10-1 Dame Flora, 12-1 Uncle Oliver.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: J R Jenkins, 9 winners from 46 runners, 19.6%; W A Stephenson, 10 from 74, 13.5%; W Clay, 18 from 167, 9.6%. (Only qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: M Dwyer, 13 winners from 63 rides, 20.6%; N Doughty, 9 from 44, 20.5%; R Crank, 17 from 93, 18.3%; G McCourt, 10 from 71, 14.1%; S J O'Neill, 14 from 188, 7.4%. (Only qualifiers).

WORCESTER

Selections
By Mandarin

6.0 Patchouli's Pet. 6.30 Allied Newcastle. 7.0 Nick And Roy. 7.30 Bruff Academy. 8.0 River Gambler. 8.30 Raffia Run.

Going: firm

6.0 SANDWELL SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£842: 2m) (14 runners)
5 12-0 PATCHOULI'S PET 7 (D,F) W Morris 4-11-10. W Morris
6 841- CHARLTON KINGS 110 (G) F Jordan 4-11-9 .... C Smith
8 200- BOSWORTH BAY 229 W G Brooks 5-11-7 ..... D Gallagher (4)
10 000- FLORI WONDER 78 (CD,F,G) J D Dawes 7-11-5 ..... G Hawser (7)
11 00-0 PROMENADER 5 (B) C Tristine 4-11-4 ..... S Earle (4)
13 00-0 NICELY NICELY 7 (B,F) P Bowden 6-11-2 ..... R Dennis
14 /00- INSPIRED 311 (B,D,S) K Wingrove 7-11-2 Mr J Railton (7)
15 34-0 MR PANACHE 7 M Chapman 5-11-1 ..... S Mitchell (7)
17 140- MAID MARINER 91 (D,G) Miss G Rees 5-11-1 ..... —
18 390- BARNALYRA 164 J Parish 6-11-0 ..... M Ahern (4)
19 /U0- REGAL EXPRESS 331 (D,G) T Greathead 7-11-0 ..... D Morris (7)
21 440- GILLIE'S WAFFLE 329 J Cosgrave 6-10-13 T Pinfield (7)
25 00-P FIC VIC 3 B Preece 4-10-13 ..... R Stronge
26 0P/0 ORVILLE'S SONG 7 (F) A Leighton 6-10-13. M Price (7)

4-1 Flon Wonder, 5-1 Charlton Kings, 6-1 Maid Mariner, Bosworth Bay, 7-1 Patchouli's Pet, 8-1 Mr Panache.

6.30 WOLVERHAMPTON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,945: 2m 4f) (7)
1 PP-1 ALLIED NEWCASTLE 5 (CD,F,S) D Elsworth 7-12-7 (5ex)C Brown
2 42F- *SANDWALKER* 96 (G,S) Mrs M Rimell 8-10-12 ..... M Price (7)
4 4PF- BRINKWATER 159 (G) D Pitcher 11-10-0 .. Mr D Pitcher
5 2P0- NATIVE BREAK 70 (B,D,F,G,S) Mrs W Sykes 10-10-0 ..... S Morshead
6 032- NARANZI 75 (C,F,G,S) J Colston 9-10-0 ..... C Smith
8 423- LOLLIPOPMAN 81 (F,G) J A Old 11-10-0 . R Dunwoody
9 00-0 HADDAK 7 (CD,F) B Paling 6-10-0 ..... C Evans

7-4 Allied Newcastle, 3-1 Native Break, 4-1 Sandwalker, 6-1 Naranzi, 8-1 Lollipopman, 12-1 Haddak, 20-1 Brinkwater.

7.0 WALSALL NOVICE HURDLE (3-Y-O: £685: 2m) (13)
2 CONNEMARA DAWN R Holder 10-10 ..... P Murphy
4 FINAL DELIGHT B Preece 10-10 ..... G Landau
8 NICK AND ROY M Pipe 10-10 ..... P Scudamore
9 NIGHT VISITOR M McCormack 10-10 ..... G McCourt
13 SAMPREKI B Preece 10-10 ..... P Miller (7)
14 SHARP DIAMOND J Jenkins 10-10 ..... —
16 SOMEONE ELSE (B) A James 10-10 ..... J Bryan
21 BOROTOWN D Wintle 10-5 ..... A Carroll
22 DAFFODIL Mrs S Oliver 10-5 ..... R Hyett
24 MAGNOLIA PRINCESS K Wingrove 10-5 W Worthington
25 MAIN ROCKET Mrs M Rimell 10-5 ..... M Muggeridge
28 P SPORTING SILKS 7 C Hill 10-5 ..... J Duggan
29 WISCONSIN M Chapman 10-5 ..... S Mitchell (7)

Evens Nick And Roy, 7-2 Sharp Diamond, 6-1 Main Rocket, 8-1 Borotown, 10-1 Daffodil, 12-1 others.

7.30 MICHAEL LOW HOMES NOVICE CHASE (£1,547: 2m) (10)
1 4-1 BRUFF ACADEMY 7 (D,G) R Lee 6-11-7 . S Dowling (4)
3 12P- AMERICK 331 (F) J Roberts 7-11-0 ..... S Morshead
4 BROCKTON D Williams 6-11-0 ..... J Doyle (4)
6 P4-0 COURTING BOY 5 Miss S Oliver 10-11-0 ..... —
7 0PU- DOC MYRING 112 (B) A Barrow 7-11-0 ..... H Davies
9 PREFERRED CREDITOR Miss N Davenport 8-11-0 ..... Mr M Low (4)
12 021- MAORI WARRIOR 91 (F) R O'Sullivan 5-10-11 M Kinane
13 4000- ZIGUINCHOR 261 J Sayers 5-10-11 ..... C Brown
14 040- JANEYS DELIGHT 89 J P Smith 8-10-9 ..... K Ryan (7)
15 04B- MISS TULLULAH 273 (B) B Forsey 9-10-9 .. P Croucher

5-2 Bruff Academy, 3-1 Maori Warrior, 4-1 Courting Boy, 6-1 Americk, 8-1 Janeys Delight, 10-1 Miss Tullulah, 14-1 others.

8.0 HALESOWEN HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,322: 2m 2f) (12)
1 342- BRONSKI 90 (CD,F,S) J Jenkins 6-12-5 ..... —
3 112- *RIVER GAMBLER* 75 (C,F,G) P Cundell 4-10-11 ..... G Landau
4 040- CASSIO LIL 92 (F,G,S) T Casey 8-10-8 .... R Dunwoody
7 300- LITTLE LONDON 138 (F,G) T Morton 8-10-0.. H Davies
8 00B- TAFFY JONES 199 (F,S) M McCormack 8-10-0 ..... G McCourt
9 20-0 RISING SOVEREIGN 7 (F,G) J Parish 9-10-0 M Ahern (4)
10 200/ MAGIC MINK 458 (B,F) R Holder 7-10-0 ..... P Murphy
11 /101- TROPICAL MIST 99 (F,S) G Ham 7-10-0 ..... B Powell
12 1P/0 NUTTY SLACK 5 (F,G,S) J Spearing 9-10-0 S Morshead
15 31-4 EASTERN PLAYER 7 (F) M Chapman 4-10-0 ..... S Mitchell (7)
17 13-4 HOUNSTOUT 3 (G,F) J Roberts 7-10-0 ..... L Harvey (4)
19 0F-0 ZACCIO 7 (F,G) S Dow 9-10-0 ..... R Guest (4)

9-4 River Gambler, 7-2 Bronski, 9-2 Cassio Lil, 6-1 Hounstout, 8-1 Little London, 10-1 Eastern Player, 12-1 others.

8.30 STOURBRIDGE NOVICE HURDLE (£821: 2m) (12)
3 43- COLLISTO 73 D J Bell 6-11-0 ..... Lorna Vincent
6 0 FAST DEALER 5 W Morris 5-11-0 ..... W Morris
14 -660 PENSION PLAN 86 M Eckley 5-11-0 ..... S Dowling (4)
16 230- SENOR MAGNIFICO 287 (F) Mrs M Babbage 10-11-0 ..... N Babbage
17 PPP- SHERWOOD FOREST 112 (B) J Sayers 5-11-0 C Brown
23 0- FRANGNITO 248 G Balding 4-10-11 ..... A Charlton (7)
26 0B- RAFFIA RUN 255 P Bailey 4-10-11 ..... S Morshead
29 000- RATHAL 71 (B) D Nicholson 4-10-11 ..... R Dunwoody
30 040- TAKE THE BISCUIT 71 A J Wilson 4-10-11 ..... A Webb
35 000- CAELESTIS 281 G Balding 4-10-6 ..... R Guest (4)
36 06F- JANE CRAIG 221 (B) S Griffiths 4-10-5 . Mr M Richards
39 SOLO PLAYER D Hanley 4-10-5 ..... —

11-4 Frangnito, 100-30 Rathal, 4-1 Take The Biscuit, 6-1 Collisto, 8-1 Senor Magnifico, 10-1 Raffia Run, 14-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: R J Holder, 18 winners from 64 runners, 28.1%; J R Jenkins, 34 from 139, 24.5%; D Nicholson, 25 from 132, 18.9%; J L Spearing, 13 from 80, 16.3%; J Old, 12 from 76, 15.8%; Mrs M Rimell, 12 from 122, 9.8%.

JOCKEYS: P Scudamore, 40 winners from 250 rides, 16.0%; H Davies, 32 from 212, 15.1%; R Dunwoody, 13 from 108, 12.0%; G McCourt, 13 from 113, 11.5%; S Morshead, 18 from 163, 11.0%; A Webb, 10 from 108, 9.3%; B Powell, 11 from 128, 8.6%. (Only qualifiers).

Yesterday's results

Lingfield Park

Going: good to firm

2.0 (5f) 1. LONELY BEACH (S Cauthen, 13-2); 2. Bell Captain (C Rutter, 20-1); 3. Proud And Keen (T Ives, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Sno Problem, 5 Fag In Hand (4th), 10 Impatient Charlie, Miss Hays, 12 Love Ballad (5th), Swing Lucky (6th), 16 Taste of Webster's, 33 Flying Difference. 11 ran. 1¼l, ½l, ¾l, hd, 2l, R W Armstrong at Newmarket. Tote: £5.80; £1.80, £6.40, £2.40. DF: £315.20. CSF: £108.79. Tricast: £587.38. 58.24sec.

2.30 (6f) 1. EXHAUST LADY (B Crossley, 4-1); 2. Blue Disc (W Carson, 11-4); 3. Snow Show (M Wigham, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Lescombe (6th), 8 Parlsholm, 10 Stockade, 12 Dancing Verdity (5th), Dulhallow Bregean (4th), 25 Off Chance, Oh My Oh My, 33 Ramrod. 11 ran. ¾l, ½l, 5l, sh hd, 3l. Miss Brook Sanders at Epsom. Tote: £16.80; £3.70, £1.40, £2.30. DF: £23.10. CSF: £17.09. 1min 12.92

RACING: CONSISTENT NEWMARKET TRAINED THREE-YEAR-OLD CAN REGISTER AN OVERDUE SUCCESS IN HAYDOCK PARK HANDICAP

Strong case for Buckra Mellisuga

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

A good case can be made for backing Buckra Mellisuga to win the *Mail On Sunday* Handicap at Haydock Park today and he is my nap.

Last time out, this consistent three-year-old failed by just a length to give 7 lb to Abu Muslab at Newcastle.

If James Toller, his successful Newmarket-based trainer, was disappointed at the time, he now has every reason to revise his thoughts.

In the meantime, Abu Muslab has come out again and won at Leicester where, under his penalty, he beat the Ascot winner Local Hero.

If one delves even further back into Buckra Mellisuga's form it is possible to unearth two other commendable performances this season.

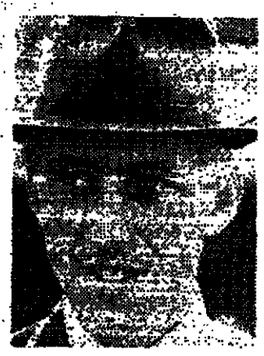
One was a close second to Wujud, who has won twice at Kempton and Goodwood since. The other was an even narrower defeat at Newbury where he succumbed by only a neck to Sergeant Smoke, whose recent Newmarket form with Bronzewing also holds up.

On 5lb better terms, Buckra Mellisuga is now weighted to take revenge on Sergeant Smoke who is burdened with top weight.

Like my nap, Bold Crusader, Rose Reef and Bold Duchess have all been knocking at the proverbial door, but I believe Buckra Mellisuga's form to be the better.

With 8st 3 lb to carry, Lyrical Lover, who finished third at Goodwood last time, beaten 1½ lengths, by The Lionheart and Trojan Desert, could easily turn out to be the main stumbling block.

Half-an-hour later, Buckra Mellisuga's jockey Willie Ryan will be involved in an altogether different race for the Burtonwood Brewery Summer Trophy on Scarlet Blade.



James Toller, who trains the fancied Buckra Mellisuga

With only two opposing him, this could easily turn into a cat and mouse affair. Promising horse that he is, Free Fact should not be ready yet to give Scarlet Blade 3lb.

While Abathatc can be given a good chance of winning the Coral Bookmaker's Handicap now that he is running over five furlongs again, my other principal fancy on the Lancashire course is Dimension to win the Harvey Jones Handicap even though he may have to carry a pound overweight in return for the services of Willie Carson.

As it was an apprentices' race that Dimension won at Sandown Park recently, after this handicap was framed, he now has no penalty.

At Newmarket, those who are already envisaging the recent easy Ascot winner Reprimand being good enough to win the Gimcrack Stakes at York later this month will certainly be looking to Validate to capture the New Zealand Lamb Karamea Stakes in the hands of Steve Cauthen.

The American jockey will also be endeavouring to win the Saccone and Speed Sweet Solera Stakes a third time for Henry Cecil following the recent triumphs of Lucayan Princess and Laluche.

This time Cauthen will be aboard Jungle Jezebel who impressed so much at Sandown Park last time out.

With the Cecil two-year-olds in seemingly irrepressible form, Jungle Jezebel may well be capable of dealing with the Goodwood winner Triste Oeil, the course and distance winner Ranyah and William's Bird.

Brave Dancer, who missed the Extel Stakes at Goodwood because of a pricked foot, returns for the Air New Zealand Handicap, his York form having been boosted by the deeds of Knockando and Wolsey at Goodwood.

Whether he would have beaten Broken Hearted in the Extel is a matter for the most serious thought. Today's task though looks easier even with Lake Erie in the field.

Gary Carter, who rides Swimmer, seems to have a better chance of winning the Auckland Handicap on Wild Hope.

Bellefella poised for rich Irish dividend

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

All five English declared runners for tomorrow's Heinz "57" Phoenix Stakes at the Phoenix Park stand their ground and two of these colts, Bellefella and Oakworth, promise to dominate both the betting and the race.

While it would dangerous to describe the Charlie Nelson-trained Bellefella an unlucky loser of the Richmond Stakes at Goodwood as the winner, Warning, was far from extended, nevertheless Bellefella did not enjoy a clear run.

He finished well in second place and, representing the same owner-trainer-jockey team that won this valuable purse a year ago with Minstrella, he is my idea of the likely winner here.

Oakworth's performance will help to provide valuable form lines for the future in three countries. Bill Watts's youngster ran second to Always Fair in the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot and then failed in a photo finish with Barawaki in the Prix Robert Papin at Maisons-Laffitte.

When he was runner-up at Ascot, he had Ship Of Fools behind in third place and Robert Williams takes issue once more with his consistent youngster Jeremy Tree rarely sends a runner over to Ireland and this renders the appearance of Digamist all the more interesting. He will be wearing a visor as he did when winning his latest start at York and Pat Eddery, who knows every blade of grass on this Phoenix Park track, will have the mount.

The English team is completed by Fair Port, deputising for Lust Of Power who would have started favourite but for falling victim to a respiratory ailment. There is a high scoring rate by fillies in this event and remarkably seven of the eight home-trained challengers are all fillies.

The only unbeaten runner is Flutter Away but while she is certain to be well supported, I doubt if she will confirm Curragh form with Fairy Gold whom she beat by a short head on Irish Derby Day.

Fairy Gold stumbled leaving the starting stalls and this mishap surely made the difference between victory and defeat.

PHOENIX PARK — BBC2

Going: good to firm — Draw: no advantage

3.40 HEINZ 57 PHOENIX STAKES (Group I: 2-Y-O colts & fillies: £164,950: 6f) (13 runners)

1	32	*BELLEFELLA* (E Evans) C Nelson 9-0		J Reid 8
2	31	DEMON MAGIC (B) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dxx 9-0		D Hogan 7
3	3141	DIGAMIST (V) (K Abdulla) J Tree 9-0		Pat Eddery 3
4	1	FAIR PORT (T Ramsden) A Bailey 9-0		P Bloomfield 12
5	2122	*OAKWORTH* (E Haggas) J Watts 9-0		S Cauthen 9
6	11334	SHIP OF FOOLS (C Wright) R Williams 9-0		R Cochrane 4
7		ALGONQUIN PARK (P O'Conor) P Carny 8-11		D Manning 2
8	12	FAIRY GOLD (B,BF) (R Sangster) M V O'Brien 8-11		C Asmussen 6
9	11	*FLUTTER AWAY* (C) (*D Murphy*) D Weld 8-11		*M J Kinane 11*
10	021	FROM THE WOOD (Mrs M Clarke) K Prendergast 8-11		D Gillespie 3
11	204	GOLDEN RHYTHM (BF) (F Dunne) F Dunne 8-11		S Crane 5
12	21	NORDIC PRIDE (M Smurfit) D Weld 8-11		R Carroll 1
13	21120	SAINTLY LASS (BF) (*J Ryan*) *C Collins 8-11*		*P Shanahan 10*

5-2 Bellefella, Oakworth, 5-1 Digamist, Fairy Gold, 8 Ship Of Fools, Flutter Away, 12 Fair Port, Demon Magic, Saintly Lass.

1986: MINISTRELLA 8-11 (5-1) J Reid C Nelson 10 ran

Form guide to the runners

BELLEFELLA (8-11) finished very well after getting no sort of run behind the impressive Warning (8-11) at Goodwood (6f, Group II, £36630, good to firm, July 29, 7 ran) and can improve further.

DEMON MAGIC (9-0) ran out an odds on 1-4 winner of a Curragh maiden (6f 63y, £2750, good, July 11, 6 ran) from Astraeus (9-0).

DIAGAMIST (9-2) was dramatically improved by a visor when a very easy 2½l winner from Azayim (8-6) at York last time (6f, £3987, firm, July 10, 4 ran).

FAIR PORT (9-0) steps up in class after an easy 8l win over Golden Fantasy (9-0) in an Edinburgh maiden (5f, £1059, firm, July 13, 5 ran).

OAKWORTH, caught at the death by Balawaki in a French Group II race (5f 110y, soft) last time, previously (8-13) a length 2nd to Always Fair (8-13) in the Group III Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot (6f, £31518, good, June 16 13 ran) with SHIP OF FOOLS (8-13) 2½l 3rd and DIGAMIST (8-13), who had a lot of *ground to make up*, 3l 4th.

FLUTTER AWAY (8-7) maintained unbeaten record with a short head win over FAIRY GOLD (8-7) at the Curragh (6f, £14405, soft, June 27, 7 ran) with SAINTLY LASS (8-12) 11½l 5th

FROM THE WOOD (8-10) beat Bell Tower (8-10) a length at Leopardstown (6f, £16502, good June 24, 10 ran) with GOLDEN RHYTHM (8-10) 8m

NORDIC PRIDE (8-11) *pushed out to win* a Leopardstown maiden (6f, £3450, good to firm, July 25, 6 ran) by 3l from Succoy (9-0)

Selection: OAKWORTH

Conditions perfect for Sadeem to collect

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Paris

English raiders make up half the 10-strong field for the £23,904 Prix Kergorlay (group two), over 1m 7f at Deauville tomorrow, and it is quite possible that they will fill the first two places.

Guy Harwood's Sadeem (Greville Starkey) leads the English contingent. Although well beaten by Paean in the Gold Cup at Ascot, Sadeem was not suited by the soft ground that day, and back on faster going and over a shorter trip has a good chance of returning to winning form.

Saronicos (Michael Roberts) was third in the Gold Cup, a further 2 lengths behind Sadeem, and on the balance of his form has sound place prospects.

Lemhill (Walter Swinburn), too, is a fancied candidate, having beaten Saronicos two lengths at Lingfield last time on similar ground.

Almaarad (Willie Carson) and Gulf King (Alain Lequeux) complete the English challenge. Pick of the home-trained runners should be Satco.

The improving three-year-old Hoppner, second in the group two Prix de l'Esperance at Longchamp, should also be prominent.

● At Ostend tomorrow, Lester Piggott attempts to continue his excellent run of success in Belgium by saddling Step Right Up (Tony Ives) for the Prix Mona. Gavin Pritchard-Gordon's Pontevecchio Notte (George Duffield) is also in the field.

Earlier in the afternoon, Rana Pratap (Bruce Raymond), Kingsfold Flame (Tommy Young) and Bastinado (Ives) contest the Prix de Presidente et Madame Max Dugniolle.

Blinkered first time

NEWMARKET: 2.30 Line Of Succession. REDCAR: 2.15 Nikimi, 4.15 Blanton Reserve. LINGFIELD PARK: 6.0 Winter House, 6.25 Yavarro. HAYDOCK PARK: 3.15 George William, Durasingh.

NEWMARKET

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Wood Chanter.	2.00 Malamain.
2.30 Que Pasa.	2.30 Que Pasa.
3.05 Validate.	3.05 Validate.
3.35 Jungle Jezebel.	3.35 Jungle Jezebel.
4.10 Brave Dancer.	4.10 Lake Erie.
4.40 Green For Danger.	4.40 Green For Danger.
5.10 Wild Hope.	5.10 Wild Hope.

Michael Seely's selection: 4.10 Brave Dancer.

Going: good — Draw: no advantage

2.0 BANK OF NEW ZEALAND KIWI MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,444: 1m 2f) (10 runners)

102	(6)	040-000	EL ZETA 70 (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 9-0	Gay Kelleway	88
103	(8)	00	JOSEPH 84 (Lady Clanwilliam) J Toller 9-0	P Robinson	98
105	(1)		MALAMAIN (Mrs A Chapman) L Cumani 9-0	R Cochrane	—
107	(10)	00044-6	PERSIAN STYLE 8 (W Gredley) C Britain 9-0	S Cauthen	● 99
109	(4)		SILENCE THE WIND (*Hickory Tree Farm Inc*) G Harwood 9-0	G Starkey	—
112	(9)	4-	WOOD CHANTER 351 (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop 9-0	Pat Eddery	98
114	(7)	000	ATHIR 22 (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 8-11	W R Swinburn	—
115	(2)	000	FOREST BIRD 16 (Mrs A Lloyd) J Winter 8-11	B Rouse	81
117	(3)	0	*NUTS AND BRAZEN 6* (J Crisp) R Williams *8-11*	T Ives	—
118	(5)		STARLIGHT APPEAL (I Wilkinson) R Casey 8-11	Paul Eddery	—

BETTING: 9-4 Silence The Wind, 100-30 Wood Chanter, 5-1 Malamain, 6-1 Joseph, 7-1 Persian Style, 14-1 El Zeta, 16-1 Forest Bird, 20-1 Athir, 25-1 others.

1986: NORPELLA 8-11 B Crossley (33-1) G Wragg 7 ran

2.30 BAY OF PLENTY SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,800: 1m) (14 runners)

201	(2)	00-0000	LINE OF SUCCESSION 30 (B) (Mrs M Booth) R Williams 9-7	T Ives	92
202	(14)	034040	UP THE LADDER 14 (BF) (T Ramsden) A Bailey 9-6	R Carter (7)	96
203	(8)	40-0000	QUASSINI 58 (Mrs F Durr) F Durr 9-5	G Starkey	90
206	(13)	0-40040	AMBER ESPANA 16 (B) (Mrs D Headland) M Tompkins 8-11	R Cochrane	95
207	(10)	300012	QUE PASA 11 (F) (Mrs J Seeley) P Haslam 8-10	T Williams	● 99
208	(3)	202040	ROSE LOUBET 18 (Mrs R Lane) J Payne 8-10	R Marshall	95
212	(4)	0000-00	PERIGRIS 35 (Mrs A Valentine) R Hannon 8-6	Pat Eddery	87
213	(11)	0300-	GYPSY'S BARN RAT 280 (B Knight) W Holden 8-6	R Morse (5)	93
214	(12)	00-0000	TROPICAL BOY 23 (R Hendry) R Voorspuy 8-3	M Roberts	96
216	(1)	0-00003	PEERGLOW 11 (Peerglow Developments Ltd) C Williams 8-2	G Sexton	82
218	(9)	00000-6	SOHAM'S TAYLOR 7 (BF) (Sodve Bearings) W Haggas 8-1	G French	92
219	(7)	304434	GLORY GOLD 12 (BF) (M Britain) M Britain 8-0	P Robinson	94
221	(6)	0-000	BAILEY'S TOPLINE 26 (S Bland) G Bland 7-7	B Crossley	—
222	(5)	000000	SCARLING SHADYLADY 7 (R Skaggs) K Cory 7-7	P Barnard (7)	—

BETTING: 3-1 Que Pasa, 4-1 Quessard, 11-2 Soham's Taylor, 6-1 Gypsy's Barn Rat, 9-1 Line Of Succession, Rose Loubet, Glory Gold, 12-1 Up The Ladder, 14-1 others.

1986: PHILOSOPHICAL 8-13 M Wigham (5-1) W Musson 16 ran

3.5 NEW ZEALAND LAMB KARAMEA MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,444: 6f) (10 runners) — C 4

302	(10)	02	CHUMMY'S FAVOURITE 7 (C Gaventa) N Callaghan 9-0	M Wigham	96
303	(6)		*HEROES SASH* (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-0	R Cochrane	—
304	(7)		HONEST DOLLAR (D Buchanan) R Hannon 9-0	B Rouse	—
305	(1)	3	INSPIRATION 174 (M Jaye) R Williams 9-0	W R Swinburn	91
307	(4)		PARISIAN (J Pearce) G Wragg 9-0	Pat Eddery	—
308	(12)	0	POINT OF LIGHT 14 (T Ramsden) G Lewis 9-0	G Sexton	80
310	(8)		SUPERBEST (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 9-0	T Ives	—
311	(9)	2	VALIDATE 12 (Sheikh Mohammed) C Britain 9-0	S Cauthen	● 99
312	(5)		WELLENDORF (F Hogan) G Harwood 9-0	G Starkey	—
313	(3)		ZINSKY (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-0	Paul Eddery	—

BETTING: 5-2 Validate, 7-2 Heroes Sash, 5-1 Parisian, 7-1 Wellendorf, 8-1 Chummy's Favourite, 10-1 Zinsky, 16-1 Inspiration, 20-1 Point Of Light, 25-1 Super Best, 33-1 Honest Dollar.

1986: MACROBIAN 9-0 B Rouse (17-1) J Shaw 10 ran

FORM CHUMMY'S FAVOURITE (9-0) a creditable length 2nd to Young Tearaway (8-9) in a maiden here (6f, £3522, good, Apr 1, 10 ran). INSPIRATION by a leading sire of juveniles, Dominion, out of a sister to top class sprinter Runnett, showed plenty of speed on debut when (9-0) 4½l 3rd to Colmore Row (9-0) here (5f, £2567, good Apr 16, 11 ran). PARISIAN (bolied: Mar 17), reportedly going quite well at home, is out of a mare who was placed in the Chimney Park (6f) as a two year old. VALIDATE ran well on debut (9-0) to finish 3l 2nd to the very useful Reprimand (8-0) with POINT OF LIGHT (9-0) 6½l away 5th at Ascot (6f, £7999, soft, July 25, 7 ran). WELLENDORF (bolied: Feb 21 cost: IR55,000gns). Gorytus colt out of a well-related dam: stable's two year olds are going particularly well. ZINSKY (bolied: May 28) A late foal but superbly bred being by Nijinsky out of Zinzara, who started favourite for the Oaks and was a very smart middle distance filly. No Selection

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	runners	Per Cent.
H Cecil	86	349	24.6
M R Stoute	53	334	15.9
G Harwood	47	322	14.6
W A O'Gorman	23	172	13.4
L Cumani	35	269	13.0
J Hindley	26	267	9.7

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
S Cauthen	95	571	16.6
Pat Eddery	58	483	14.1
W R Swinburn	52	376	13.8
G Starkey	42	359	11.7
G Carter	12	110	10.9
T Ives	45	473	9.7

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. *Draw in brackets.* Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. *V-visor.* H-hood. E-Eyeshield. *C-course winner.* D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. *BF-beaten favourite in latest race).* Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider *plus any allowance. The Times Private* Handicapper's rating.

3.35 SACCONE AND SPEED SWEET SOLERA STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £11,745: 7f) (7 runners) — C 4

402	(6)	31	TRISTE OEIL 11 (D,F) (A Ali) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	87
404	(3)	1	JUNGLE JEZEBEL 16 (D,S) (S Niarchos) H Cecil 8-11	S Cauthen	● 99
405	(4)	1	RANYAH 22 (CD,G) (Prince A Faisal) J Dunlop 8-11	Pat Eddery	84
406	(5)	121	WILLIAM'S BIRD 24 (D,F,G) (Lady Scott) D Elsworth 8-11	R Cochrane	98
407	(2)	00	ART DUO 10 (W Gredley) C Britain 8-8	M Roberts	70
408	(1)	21	CHADENSHE 17 (D,G) (D Wright) W Jarvis 8-8	Paul Eddery	89
409	(7)	0	MEANIEMINYMOE 7 (Roldvale Ltd) N Callaghan 8-8	M Wigham	—

BETTING: 2-1 Jungle Jezebel, 11-4 William's Bird, 7-2 Chadenshe, 6-1 Triste Oeil, 8-1 Ranyah, 16-1 Art Duo, 33-1 Meaniemínymoe.

1986: LALUCHE 8-8 S Cauthen (8-13 fav) H Cecil 8 ran

FORM TRISTE OEIL (8-11) battled on well to beat Obeah (8-11) a head at Goodwood last time (7f, £4948, 28 July, good to firm, 7 ran) following a debut 3rd (8-11) behind Hasting (8-11) at Sandown (7f, £4091, 3 July, good to firm, 12 ran). JUNGLE JEZEBEL (8-11) was most impressive on her only run to date when a 4l winner from Elevate (8-11) at Sandown (7f, £3253, 23 July, soft, 10 ran). She ran very green that day and is bound to improve for the run. RANYAH (8-11) was another who impressed on her debut when beating Rave Review (8-11) 1½l over this course and distance with ART DUO (8-11) a further 3½l away in 5th (£3353, 17 July, good, 8 ran). She has plenty of scope for improvement. WILLIAM'S BIRD has progressed well despite her tendency to be slowly away. Last time (8-12) she ran *on gamely to beat Dead Net (8-11) ¾l at Kempton* (7f, £3831, 15 July, firm, 4 ran). CHADENSHE (8-11) beat the odds on Henry Cecil trained Bay Shade (8-11) by a head at Yarmouth (7f, 22 July, good, 10 ran). She battled on well that day and is another who is open to improvement.

Selection: WILLIAM'S BIRD

4.10 AIR NEW ZEALAND HANDICAP (£16,024: 1m 4f) (6 runners) — C 4

504	(6)	110022	RANDOM ROVER 8 (D,F,S) (R Bonnycastle) B Hills 3-9-10	S Cauthen	90
505	(1)	*013-021*	*BRAVE DANCER 28 (F,G) (G Zandona) G Harwood 3-9-10*	G Starkey	● 99
507	(4)	2-42121	LAKE ERIE 17 (S) (R Sangster) M Stoute 4-9-7	W R Swinburn	94
508	(2)	1-03011	SWIMMER 29 (D,F,G) (Quality Castings Slough) G Huffer 5-9-3	G Carter	94
509	(5)	003112	PLANET ASH 4 (CD,G,S) (T Ramsden) A Bailey 4-8-10 (4ex)	P Bloomfield	97
511	(3)	324202	QUIET RIOT 7 (F,S) (G Hart) D Hanley 5-8-6	P Barnard (7)	98

BETTING: 9-4 Brave Dancer, 3-1 Random Rover, 9-2 Lake Erie, 11-2 Swimmer, 7-1 Planet Ash, 8-1 Quiet Riot.

1986: FIVE FARTHINGS 4-9-6 W R Swinburn (4-1) M Stoute 7 ran

FORM BRAVE DANCER awarded the Magnet Cup after being hampered and (8-8) finishing a length 2nd to Knockando (8-10) with RANDOM ROVER (8-7) a distant 8th, York (1m 2f, £19463, good to firm, July 11, 9 ran); a better reflection of their respective abilities came when BRAVE DANCER (9-5) finished a ½l 2nd to Posted (8-0) with RANDOM ROVER (9-4) 5½l back in 6th at Royal Ascot (1m 4f, £11311, soft, June 8, 20 ran). LAKE ERIE seemed to prefer the easy surface (9-4) when a head winner from Mistrule (8-2), with QUIET RIOT (8-10) a long way below form 16l away 5th, at Sandown (1m 6f, £4706, soft, July 22, 7 ran). May have reached the limit of his capabilities and is not that well handicapped. *QUIET RIOT came back to a shorter trip last time* and returned to form (9-10) finishing a length 2nd to Empire Blue (9-3) at Windsor (1m 3f, £2570, good, Aug 1, 6 ran). SWIMMER got up close home (8-4) to beat Rana Pratap (9-10) a short head at Lingfield (1m 2f, £3116, good to firm, July 10, 8 ran). PLANET ASH (9-5) beat Samhaan (9-10) 2½l at Doncaster (1m2f, £2758, good, July 29, 8 ran).

Selection: BRAVE DANCER

4.40 DICKINS INVITATION STAKES (£2,635.05: 1m) (10 runners) — C 4

601	(2)	3406-00	GEORGES QUAY 24 (D,S) (L Pearson) R Hannon 4-10-0	G Starkey	93
602	(10)	401443	OPTIMISM FLAMED 8 (G) (C Webster) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-13	Maxine Juster	98
603	(3)	301221	GREEN FOR DANGER 15 (G,S) (A Shead) J Hindley 4-9-12	T Ives	96
604	(8)	204043	MOORES METAL 15 (G) (Moores Stoke) R Hollinshead 7-9-10	Brooke Sanders	93
605	(5)	223200	MONETARY FUND 23 (D Khan) G Lewis 3-9-7	Jennie Goulding	97
606	(6)	*300010*	*O I OYSTON 16 (F,G,S) (J Berry) J Berry 11-9-7*	*Joanna Winter*	91
607	(1)	000233	VORTRACK 21 (F Swan) Mrs N Macauley 3-9-6	W R Swinburn	97
608	(4)	00-4000	BRIGGS BUILDERS 19 (F Briggs) W Jarvis 3-9-1	B Thomson	98
609	(7)	010004	XYLOPHONE 19 (BF,F,S) (L Shepherd) D Marks 5-9-1	S Cauthen	94
610	(9)	0-000004	KING RICHARD 12 (D Hunnisett) J Dunlop 3-9-0	Carolyn Eddery	92
611	(-)	030422	BABY ALEX 12 (V Searle) E Wheeler 3-8-7	RESERVE	● 99

BETTING: 11-4 Green For Danger, 7-2 King Richard, 5-1 Briggs Builders, 13-2 Monetary Fund, 9-1 Georges Quay, 12-1 Optimism Flamed, 14-1 Xylophone, 16-1 Vortrack, 20-1 O I Oyston, 25-1 Moores Metal.

1986: IKTIYAR 4-9-9 Miss B Sanders (13-2) S Mellor 10 ran

FORM GREEN FOR DANGER stays 1m 1f, though speedy enough to win over 7f at Ayr last time (9-6) beating Sharon's Royale (9-10) a length (£2317, good, July 24, 8 ran). MONETARY FUND, form at distances up to 1m1f, best effort over 1m came at Bath, (8-9) when 11½l 2nd to The Lionheart (8-12) (£3263, good, Jun 23, 10 ran). VORTRACK, stays 1m, should appreciate this return to the trip after creditable efforts over 8f and 7f, on penultimate start (9-0) running 5l 3rd to Prince Rupert (9-0) at York (7f, maiden, £3512, firm, July 10, 5 ran). BRIGGS BUILDERS, ran moderately last 3 starts, but has plenty of ability judged on first time out (8-12) 4th, beaten just over 2l, to Bel Byou (9-7) at Windsor (6f, £3313, good to soft, May 18, 24 ran). *XYLOPHONE, 5th in this race last year, won at* Wolverhampton (1m 1f) earlier this season. Putting up best effort since on latest start over the same course and distance when (9-3) 6½l 4th to Spigot Shaft (9-6) (£2018, good, July 20, 17 ran).

Selection: VORTRACK

5.10 AUCKLAND HANDICAP (£4,038.50: 1m 2f) (6 runners)

21	(6)	1102-00	ROYAL HALO 98 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs D Campbell) G Harwood 5-8-10	G Starkey	90
4	(3)	0-3114	BALTHUS 16 (F,S) (E Bennett) J Glover 4-8-4	B Thomson	91
6	(1)	340-130	AMBASSADOR 80 (G) (Mrs P Young) W O'Gorman 4-9-1	T Ives	93
9	(2)	0010-23	WILD HOPE 7 (CD,F,G,S) (J Wright) G Huffer 5-8-12	G Carter	94
13	(4)	0-12030	ALQIRM 28 (F,S) (R Miguel) C Benstead 5-8-6	Paul Eddery	93
14	(5)	43-00	BAY BOULEVARD 30 (Oceanic Ltd) R Armstrong 3-8-2	M Roberts	● 99

BETTING: 9-4 Wild Hope, 5-2 Royal Halo, 5-1 Bay Boulevard, 6-1 Balthus, 7-1 Ambassador, 8-1 Alqirm.

1986: POWER BENDER 4-8-8 S Cauthen (2-1) G Prichard-Gordon 5 ran

4.15 EBF LADY HILL GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,537: 7f) (7 runners)

6	(6)		BORKAAN (Sheikh A Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 8-11	*B Raymond* —
7	(1)		CAMDEN KNIGHT (D Pickles) N Byrnott 8-11	M Birch —
8	(7)		FIGHTING GORYTUS (Mrs S Nickerson) C Booth 8-11	R Hills —
10	(4)		*QUESSOS (F Lee) F Lee 8-11*	S Perks —
11	(3)		SANDFORD PRINCE (R Shannon) G Harwood 8-11	A Clark —
13	(2)	0	TILSTONE LODGE 28 (C Jenkins) B Hills 8-11	J Reid —
15	(5)	0	WINTER STORM 10 (R Bedding) J Etherington 8-11	S Webster —

BETTING: 15-8 Sandford Prince, 4-1 Winter Storm, Borkaan, 11-2 Tilstone Lodge, 8-1 Fighting Gorytus, 12-1 Camden Knight, Quessos.

1986: GREAT ASPECT 8-11 W Carson (4-5 fav) W Hern 6 ran

4.45 WARRINGTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,014: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

6	(6)	00	IRIRI 25 (H Demetriou) B Hanbury 8-11	S Keightley	—
7	(3)	423	KLARARA 14 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 8-11	R Fox	91
10	(1)	2	MISS ANTIBES 16 (J Philpott Jr) B Hanbury 8-11	*B Raymond*	86
12	(4)	02	REUNITY 24 (T Holland-Martin) R Johnson Houghton 8-11	J Reid	●99
14	(5)	00	SHARP RESPONSE 22 (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-11	R Hills	—
15	(7)	00	SISTER OF PEACE 11 (C Taylor) C Thornton 8-11	J Bleasdale	—
17	(2)	0-002	SPIRE 21 (The Queen) W Hern 8-11	W Carson	93

BETTING: 9-4 Spire, 5-2 Miss Antibes, 3-1 Klarara, 6-1 Reunity, 12-1 Sharp Response, 14-1 Iriri, 25-1 Sister of Peace.

1986: EXCEPTIONAL BEAUTY 8-11 T Lucas (5-1) M Jarvis 11 ran

HAYDOCK PARK

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 BUCKRA MELLISUGA (nap).	2.15 Buckra Mellisuga.
2.45 Scarlet Blade.	2.45 Scarlet Blade.
3.15 Abathatc.	3.15 George William.
3.45 Dimension.	3.45 Chevrefeuille.
4.15 Borkaan.	4.15 Borkaan.
4.45 Reunity.	4.45 Miss Antibes.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 SCARLET BLADE.

Going: good — Draw: low numbers best

2.15 MAIL ON SUNDAY SERIES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,605: 1m) (12 runners) — BBC 1

2	(1)	00-2132	SERGEANT SMOKE 30 (B,D,F) (Exors T S Smith) D Arbuthnot 9-7	J Reid	90
5	(2)	202312	MALIBU TOAST 7 (BF,G,F) (Fitzcotes Stud Ltd) L Cumani 9-6	R Goest	96
6	(5)	03-0000	HANSEATIC 22 (G) (J Cunningson) P Makin 9-5	S Perks	—
7	(10)	10-010	IBTIDAAR 49 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-4	*R Hills*	97
8	(9)	0-62242	BUCKRA MELLISUGA 14 (BF) (Abigail Ltd) J Toller 9-4	W Ryan	95
11	(3)	22-2262	BOLD CRUSADER 15 (R Clifford-Turner) M Stoute 9-0	W Carson	98
12	(11)	22-32302	ROSE REEF 12 (*P Mellon*) *I Balding 8-13*	J Matthias	●99
14	(12)	0-02222	BOLD DUCHESS 23 (F Lee) M Jarvis 8-12	B Raymond	90
15	(7)	00-4423	GREEN LALEEK 22 (F Salman) P Cole 8-5	T Quinn	96
20	(8)	200303	LYRICAL LOVER 11 (V) (R Miquel) R Holder 8-3	P Waldron	96
21	(4)	010044	ROOF GHOST 18 (S) (R Aylward) *Capt J Wilson 7-7*	Julie Bowker (7)	89
22	(5)	0-00020	BLAZE OF GOLD 37 (W Arey) E Alston 7-7	M Fry	94

BETTING: 5-2 Validate, 7-2 Heroes Sash, 5-1 Parisian, 7-1 Wellendorf, 8-1 Chummy's Favourite, 10-1 Zinsky, 16-1 Inspiration, 20-1 Point Of Light, 25-1 Super Best, 33-1 Honest Dollar.

1986: MACROBIAN 9-0 B Rouse (17-1) J Shaw 10 ran

FORM SERGEANT SMOKE (7-12) 3l 2nd to Bronzewing (8-5) at Newmarket last time (1m, £16674, good to firm, July 9, 14 ran). MALIBU TOAST (9-2), favourite and apprentice ridden when a fast finishing ½l 2nd to Silver Haze (8-12) at Thirsk (7f, £3335, good, Aug 1, 9 ran). IBTIDAAR (9-3) best form this season a neck victory over Puppet Show (9-0) at Brighton (7f, £2092, hard, May 28, 9 ran). BUCKRA MELLISUGA (9-7) well handicapped on a length 2nd to Abu Muslab (9-0) at Newcastle last time (1m, £3049, good, July 25, 5 ran). BOLD CRUSADER (9-7) ran on well when a short head 2nd to Eurodollar (9-2) at Sandown (1m, £3356, soft, July 23, 11 ran) with LYRICAL LOVER (8-6) a never near 7th. ROSE REEF (9-7) ran well despite a slow start when 1½l 2nd to Cammanno (9-0) at Bath (1m 6y, £3371, good, July 27, 9 ran). LYRICAL LOVER ran best ever race last time when (7-7) 1½l 3rd to The Lionheart (8-2) at Goodwood (1m, £5072, good to firm, July 28, 11 ran).

Selection: BUCKRA MELLISUGA

2.45 BURTONWOOD BREWERY SUMMER TROPHY (Listed race: £7,661: 1m 2f) (3 runners) — BBC 1

1	(2)	0023-00	NOMROOD 21 (F,S) (F Salman) P Cole 4-9-9	T Quinn	93
5	(1)	421	FREE FACT 8 (G) (Lord Rotherwick) W Hern 3-8-5	W Carson	81
9	(3)	1-61	SCARLET BLADE 28 (F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) *H Cecil 3-8-8*	W Ryan	●99

BETTING: 11-10 Scarlet Blade, 5-4 Free Fact, 9-2 Nomrood.

1986: WASSL TOUCH 3-8-9 W Carson (6-1) W Hern

FOOTBALL: ARGENTINIAN OWES A DEBT AS WEMBLEY BECOMES THE CENTRE CIRCLE OF THE WORLD

Maradona can hand it back

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The centenary match, much to everybody's relief, is about to unfold. The fixture, which should have been the most glittering event in the Football League's season of celebrations, has been preceded by the inflexibility of officialdom, the apathy of domestic clubs, unseemly financial squabbles and confusion over the line-ups.

If this afternoon at Wembley fulfils its delightful potential it will be in spite of the organization of the build-up, not because of it. If the game is hailed as a dazzling exhibition of talent, as it should be, it will be a consequence of luck rather than planning.

The League opened ominously by imposing a ludicrously misguided restriction on Bobby Robson, the home side's manager. He was told initially that he could chose only one player from any club. Even though the rule was later relaxed, the team he revealed yesterday contained not a one representative from the champions, Everton.

Ratcliffe, their captain and the best defender in Britain, was not selected originally because Southall and Sheedy were considered by Robson to provide more appropriate balance to his squad. Both of his Everton choices are now injured and because of other withdrawals, enforced or otherwise, he has been left short of full strength.

Terry Venables, in charge of the Rest of the World, is justifiably disappointed that Butcher was not released by Rangers. "He was suspended, which should have made things easier," he said yesterday. "I'm confused about why he is not taking part." Butcher is also displeased about his club's shameful decision.

Since the Scottish champions, "our neighbours", have been unhelpful, Venables feels that he cannot blame AC Milan, for example, for not lending him Gullitt and van Basten, the most expensive players in the world. As a consolation, he can pick the best player in the world, Maradona, and his predecessor, Platini.

Maradona, whose presence was in some doubt until yesterday, became the victim of "a breakdown in communications", according to Venables. Two months ago agreement was reached but "he is surrounded by so many people they got involved and the information that was fed back was not always accurate."

In spite of rumours to the contrary, Maradona will be appearing for the fee that was first proposed. It amounts to £90,000 or £1,000 a minute. The rest, including Platini, who was agreeably surprised to learn that he was to be paid for the honour, will receive £5,000.

Although his colleagues are not complaining about Maradona's outrageously inflated reward, the size of it and the memory of his illegitimate goal against England in last summer's World Cup quarter-final will hardly endear him to the audience. Venables hopes that the Argentinian and the occasion itself "capture the public's imagination".

Venables added: "He did handle the ball but I have a theory that he was half protecting himself against a clattering from Shilton. He did something against us but he can give us something back tomorrow. It gave me goosebumps to watch him in Mexico and I want him to reproduce that form."

Although Venables is realizing "a schoolboy's dream" in assembling a side drawn from across the globe, his task is beset with problems. His representatives are accustomed to different styles, for example, and his team talk, which will be interpreted in three or four different languages, could last longer than the match itself.

He has yet to announce his formation and his captain. "I've got a lot of chiefs," he said. "Let us hope there are one or two Indians." Above all, he is looking forward to "a great football match, particularly for the sake of children who will be watching." So say all of us.

Although the crowd is expected to be no higher than 65,000, Venables will be "genuinely disappointed" if Wembley is not bulging at the seams. It is a great chance for us to show that we can behave ourselves and, as Platini has suggested, be invited back into Europe."



The £1,000-a-minute man: Maradona has the explosive talent to ignite the centenary match

FOOTBALL LEAGUE XI

P Shilton (Derby County and England)
R Gough (Tottenham Hotspur and Scotland)
J McClelland (Watford and N Ireland)
P McGrath (Manchester United and Republic of Ireland)
K Sansom (Arsenal and England)
C Waddle (Tottenham Hotspur and England)
N Webb (Nottingham Forest)
B Robson (Manchester United and England)
L Brady (West Ham and Republic of Ireland)
P Beardsley (Liverpool and England)
C Allen (Tottenham Hotspur and England).

SUBSTITUTES: S Ogrizovic (Coventry City), S Clarke (Chelsea), P Nevin (Chelsea and Scotland), A Smith (Arsenal), O Ardiles (Tottenham and Argentina), N Whiteside (Manchester United and Northern Ireland).

● Rest of the World team to be announced today.

Webb's chance

Neil Webb, the uncapped Nottingham Forest midfield player, was on top of the world last night after being called up for the Football League's centenary match at Wembley.

Webb, who missed eight weeks of last season with a hamstring problem, has been on the senior England substitutes' bench three times without getting a chance. "I didn't expect to be in the starting line-up," he said. "It's every player's dream to play at Wembley, but I'm feeling a bit nervous."

YACHTING

Americans all at sea over Kiwis' challenge

By Barry Pickthall

The America's Cup, that hideously ornate Victorian ewer supporting a fractious $1 billion yachting and tourism industry, is at the centre of a fresh controversy that could see New Zealand whip the cup away from its new American holders long before they have had a chance to capitalize on it.

The banker, Michael Fay, whose New Zealand Syndicate came closest to beating Dennis Conner's successful San Diego flagship, Stars and Stripes, in the run-up to the last America's Cup in Fremantle, shocked the Californian holders with a surprise challenge through the Mercury Bay Boating Club three weeks ago to a three-race match for the cup in 10 months' time aboard giant space-age yachts with a waterline length of 90ft.

The San Diego Yacht Club, whose officers have spent the past six months fighting amongst themselves over whether to hold the next event in their own windless backyard or share the profits from the event with Hawaii, where the strong trade winds will provide much more of a spectacle, treated the challenge initially with some scorn.

"I'm not going to pay any attention to it. Calling it a publicity stunt would be too kind," was the response from Malin Burnham, president of Dennis Conner's Sail America Syndicate, which won the trophy from the Royal Perth Yacht Club in February. "From what I ascertain, it is totally counter to the present spirit of the event. I can't even understand what he (Fay) is trying to accomplish here. Maybe he is running a fever," the American suggested.

But Burnham had only to read the 100-year-old Deed of Gift lodged with the New York Supreme Court by one of the original winners of the cup after *the trophy had been taken* by the schooner, America, in a race around the Isle of Wight back in 1851, to find that recent practices appear to have very little bearing on the matter.

While arguing over the venue, Burnham and his defending officers naively believed that is was up to the host club to decide the venue and the timing for each challenge as well as nominating the type of boat, just as the New York YC did for much of its 132-year reign as custodians of the cup before finally losing it to the Australians in 1983.

But as the New Zealanders point out, the America's Cup is a perpetual challenge trophy — not a perpetual defence. It was Fay, himself a lawyer, and his bright young legal advisor, Andrew Johns, who first spotted the anomaly while rereading a copy of the historic document after the last cup series.

The contentious clause reads: "Any organized Yacht Club of a foreign country . . . having its annual regatta on an ocean water course on the sea, or an arm of the sea . . . shall always be entitled to the right of sailing a match for this Cup. . . ."

There is no mention in the deed stipulating that the races have to be contested in 12 metres, the customary class since 1958. It merely states that yachts must not be less than 44ft nor more than 90ft on the load water-line unless having more than one mast, when the parameters become 80-115ft.

Under the terms of the deed there is nothing to stop the Americans from effectively outgunning the Kiwis with a two-masted 115ft waterline boat or a 90ft multihull. The only effective limit, is the fact that while the New Zealanders have *set a launch date of January 31*, the Americans and other challengers *have little more than a* month to finalize designs. The New Zealanders want to see the cup decided over three races on June 1, 3 and 7 next year.

This short lead-time effectively precludes the San Diego Club from employing the research they expected would give them a significant lead in 12-metre class development.

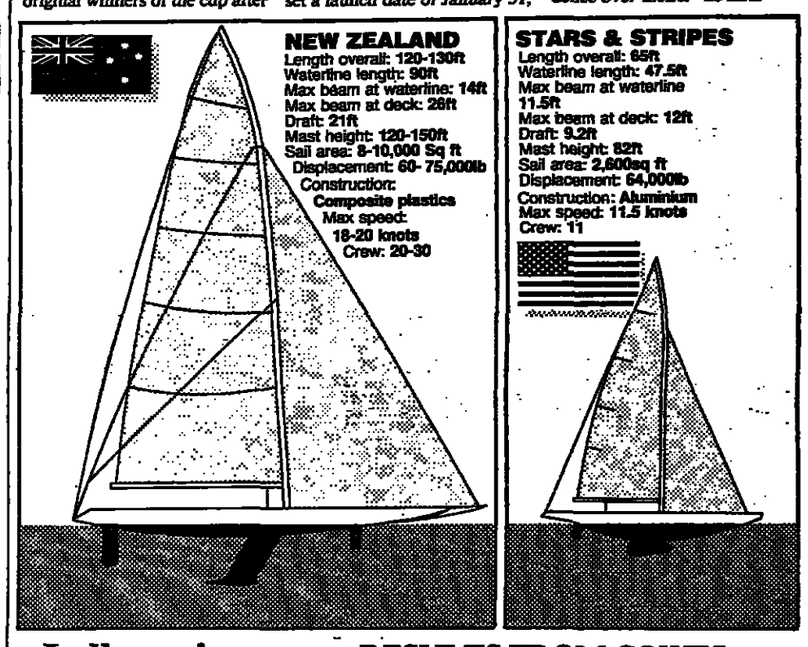
Syndicates have time to build only one boat — estimated to cost $3.5 million, six times that of a 12 metre — and the time factor, coupled with the short campaign, should limit costs to around a quarter of the $20 million-plus expense of a 12-metre challenge, Fay said.

The New Zealand boat, is thought to follow a light displacement concept developed by the New Zealand designer, Bruce Farr, for a fleet of lightweight flyers raced on Lake Garda, Italy.

Fay's far-reaching challenge was quickly countered by similar challenges from Britain's Peter de Savary and the Australian media and brewery mogul, Alan Bond, who are developing their own concepts.

In Britain, Malcolm Runnalls, a draftsman working with Rob Humphreys, one of the designers employed by the De Savary Blue Arrow Challenge, has also designed a Lake Garda skiff that has beaten all the best Bruce Farr designs in Italy's Cento Miglia race twice.

Yesterday, Graham Walker, the head of Britain's last White Horse challenge, poured some cold water on the New Zealand plan. "I think it is a great idea, but we were the first to put in a challenge (on February 7) and the San Diego Yacht Club may decide that this takes precedence over theirs," he said.



Josimar open to club offers

Josimar, the right back, of Brazil, wants to follow the example of Mirandinha, his international colleague, and sign for an English club (Stuart Jones writes). After representing the Rest of the World at Wembley this afternoon, he hopes to receive an offer that will persuade him to stay.

The defender, aged 25, who will be remembered for his spectacular goals against Poland and particularly Northern Ireland during last summer's World Cup Finals, said that his contract with Botafogo expires on August 14. He would then be free to realize his ambitions and play in "the country where football is the most prestigious".

Josimar added that he has already been approached by three Continental clubs. Yet he would prefer to continue his career in England rather than in France or Italy because "people were so friendly here when I was on tour with Brazil at the end of last season".

The only English fixture he has witnessed was the FA Cup Final last May between Coventry City and Tottenham Hotspur.

He has no particular club in mind and suggested that his fee, compared to the £1 million paid by Newcastle United for Mirandinha, would be "not very big".

FA seeks clarification

The Football Association has asked FIFA for clarification of the new season's two-substitutes rule, which was passed at the Football League's annual meeting to put English football in line with the rest of Europe.

An FA official said: "Some clubs are asking whether they will be able to nominate up to five players per match as stand-by substitutes or whether they are restricted to only the two. Obviously, clubs needing to watch what they pay in appearance money and bonuses will not want more than two

"But others point out that, for clubs playing at home who have no reserve fixture, it would help tactically to have five men on the bench — one of whom could always be a goalkeeper. We have telexed FIFA to find out whether individual competitions can nominate their own number of available substitutes."

Lallow wins against a small fleet

Sir Owen Aisher's Class I yacht, Yeoman XXVII, steered by Cowes helmsman, Ian Lallow, won the Rocking Chair Trophy in the Island Sailing Club's regatta yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes).

With many of the larger yachts absent making preparations for the tough 605 mile Fastnet race today only 14 of the usual fleet of 36 Class I yachts turned out for this seventh regatta of Sandhurst Cowes Week.

Prospects of a fast sail in the excellent breeze were tempered by the strong tide, which slowed the craft over the longer legs of the course

Yeoman XXVII took third position gun and in an extremely close finish on handicap won by 12 seconds

RESULTS FROM COWES

J24: 1, Gossip (E W McLean); 2, Pandemonium (M S Webster); 3, Jipijapa (R F Darley). Sonatas: 1, Xantz (M and H Tennant); 2, Cadenza (J Froy); 3, Aeolian (J Dudley). Etchells: 1, Fortitude (E Fort); 2, Shamal (T Herbert-Smith and M Schicht); 3, Vixen (F O'Neill). Dragons: 1, Ganymede VI (P Wilson and A Cassell); 2, Dragonfly (E Williams); 3, Flawless (P H Cospain, Fr). Swallows: 1, Archon (J McCann and D Palmer); 2, Harrier (J and S Marsh); 3, Boomerang (J Buckwell and J Prunty). Sunbeams: 1, Romany (K and D van der Klugt); 2, Quary (J Oddard); 3, Honey (W L Dickson). Darings: 1, Duenna (C Proux and J Green); 2, Dauntless (A Mathieu and P Porter); 3, Streak (H Janson and Dr J Caddigan). Mermaids: 1, Bluebell (C and R Taylor and A Graham); 2, Zara (R and C Dobbs); 3, Jade (J Symes). Flying 15s: 1, Fflipinek (J Corby); 2, Bullrush II (J A Mander); 3, Yahoo (A and G Gardener). Squibs: 1, Super Kipper (J W Mobbs); 2, Razzo Azzuro (Major A M Forbes); 3, Jasp (S M Strange). Victory: 1, Steadfast (B Middleditch); 2, Zest (K and S Taylor); 3, Blackbird (R Brown and N Hill). Sigmas: 1, Sigmatic II (D C Bonner); 2, Sibilation (P C Nicholson); 3, Happy Apple (J R and V M Weguelin). Contessas: 1, Wight Rabbit (P Ralls); 2, Equator (D C Allen); 3, Moongirl (R and Mrs Burley). Impalas: 1, Kudu (A and C Cox, W Catchpole); 2, Bambi (I R Botting); 3, La Camaroguaise (D C Johnson). South Coast One Designs: 1, Macaroon (J C Schinas and D H Kingerlee); 2, Tuonela (R J Harding), 3, Master Jingle (T V Robinson). Redwings: 1, Blue Jay (J and Mrs Cleave); 2, Parroquet (J R Peel); 3, Tarpon (P and N Samuelson). X One Designs: 1, Mystery (M and T Martell, C M Wallace); 2, Heyday (D Bedford, L and Mrs Vincent); 3, Lonestar (G Shute, B and Mrs Dunning).

Class I (Rocking Chair Trophy): 1, Yeoman XXVII (Sir O Aisher); 2, Blue Diamond (B C Polley); 3, Pocket Battleship (M Gibson). Class II: 1, Liberty (W Haehnel, Ire); 2, Matjas (P de Kort); 3, Amaryllis of Dart (Britannia RN Col, sailed by Lt Com B Falat). Class III: 1, Insatiable (J Bibby and M Heeley); 2, Hullabaloo (A J Evans); 3, Local Hero II (R Beales). Class IV: 1, Quest (J and L Burke); 2, Phoenix II (L Rankson); 3, Diamond (R P Norman). Class V: 1, Secret Obsession (G L Shaw); 2, Nightlife (G W Gros); 3, French Mustard (R M French). Class VI: 1, Scrapy (R Wigley); 2, Striker (W Collins); 3, Lingo (B Mackay). Class VII: 1, Goud Reinette (R Maller, Neth); 2, Monochrome (C M Hurst); 3, Blue Air (R E Goddard).

● Simon Cole, who was leading overnight in the Sinclair Lang UK Laser Championships at Largs, suffered a broken pillar at the start of the final race and ended in fifth place overall

The title was won by 25-year-old Colin Smith of Budworth SC.

BOXING

War declared in battle for glory

By Bryan Stiles

Two boxers a long way from home have travelled to Britain seeking the recognition they believe their sport has neglected to give them. Barry Michael, from Australia, is a world champion. Rocky Lockridge, from the United States, used to be one, and they have both promised it will be a case of ring war tomorrow night as they try to capture the elusive glory they seek.

What is at stake immediately at Blazer's, Windsor, is Michael's International Boxing Federation junior-lightweight title, but there is the added bonus of exposure on British and American television and the prospect that the winner is likely to meet Barry McGuigan, a former world champion, who has achieved no little adulation around the world and whose aura could reflect favourably on anyone fortunate enough to defeat him.

A stylish win tomorrow and a victory over McGuigan (who may have lost some of his venom during the 13-month layoff since he lost his world featherweight title) is the stuff of which boxing dreams are made.

At 32, Michael knows this is his last fling. He has the Crocodile Dundee looks and manner of an Australian who is sure of his purpose and is quick to point out the weaknesses of his opponent which he intends to exploit. Lockridge describes him as "a warrior who has come to fight" and has promised to engage in a battle for what he says is "going to turn into a war".

Good fighting talk from a man who has been in many close conflicts in a carrer that brought him the World Boxing Association junior-lightweight title in 1984. He lost his crown to the wonderfully talented Wilfredo Gomez 15 months later after two successful defences.

He, too, is nearing retirement age at 28 and these days has a tendency to slow down markedly after the middle rounds. This is where Michael feels his aggressive style will tip the balance. But Michael will have noted that Lockridge has been beaten only by world champions in world title bouts and by a man who was to become a world champion (Juan Laporte). In fact, the only boxer to have stopped him was Laporte.

Lockridge has demonstrated he has the style and skills to take the title but he will find Michael's forceful manner difficult to combat.

MODERN PENTATHLON

Norman's chances slip

Wendy Norman conceded eight points in the swimming to the title holder, Irina Kiselyeva, of the Soviet Union, at the world championships, which continued at Bensheim, West Germany, yesterday (Michael Coleman writes).

The Briton's time of 2min 33.9sec was outside her scheduled 2:30 and more than a second slower than Miss Kiselyeva, who thus built up a 9-point buffer before the final two events.

The fastest in the water was the Finn, Paula Salminen, whose powerful effort of 2min 16.7sec for the 200 metres earned her second place overall, above Miss Norman.

The real battle, however, was pending. Miss Norman, a former champion, was hoping her nerves would hold on the shooting range and hoping, too, that the drugs disqualifications which humiliated the Soviet and Polish teams at last year's world championships in Italy would curb temptations to resort to drugs-taking again.

Despite a fine swim by Mandy Flaherty (2:24.6), the British team slipped to fifth

RESULTS: Swimming: 1, P Salminen (Fin), 2min 16.7sec (1,188pts); 2, D Nowak (Pol), 2:17.0 (1,184); 3, A Tulok (Hun), and B Kotowska (Pol) 2:18.7 (1,172). British: M Flaherty, 2:24.6 (1,124); W Norman, 2:33.9 (1,095); L Ball, 2:40.7 (996). Overall after three sports: 1, I Kiselyeva (USSR), 3,226pts; 2, Salminen, 3,134; 3, Norman, 3,132; 4, B Kotowska (Pol), 3,100; 5, K Dunlop (US), 3,078; 6, S Krapf (WG), 3,076. Other British: Flaherty, 2,872; Ball, 2,698. Teams: 1, West Germany, 9,082; 2, Soviet Union, 9,074; 3, United States, 8,972; 4, Poland, 8,940; 5, Britain, 8,702.

MOTOR CYCLING

Spencer rekindles his old sparkle

Anderstorp, Sweden — Exactly two years after his last competitive race finish, Freddie Spencer has once again eclipsed those riders who shone in his absence, and convincingly leads the 500cc class for pole position in tomorrow's Swedish Grand Prix (Michael Scott writes).

Second also gives a sense of *déja vu*, occupied by Eddie Lawson, his long-time rival and reigning champion. But the surprise of the second day of practice, the first in dry weather here for more than a week, was Rob McElnea, of Britain, who leapt to third from eleventh in the closing minutes of the yesterday's practice session.

Two more Britons were in the top 10: Niall Mackenzie (GB-Honda, seventh) and Kenny Irons (Suzuki, ninth). Ron Haslam, on the unconventional Honda powered French Elf 4, dropped from second to twelfth and Roger Burnett (Rothmans-Honda) fifth to thirteenth. There is still one practice session remaining today, and Wayne Gardner, the championship leader, is in the unaccustomed position of being fourth, more than half a second slower than Spencer.

His main rival, Randy Mamola (Lucky Strike Yamaha), has rather more to do — the Californian was eighth.

● Steve Webster and Ron Hewitt, the British crew, were fastest in sidecar practice, and can secure their first world championship if they win tomorrow

LEADING PRACTICE TIMES (after three sessions: 1, F Spencer (US, Honda, 1min 36.38sec; 2, E Lawson (US), Yamaha, 1:36.42; 3, R McElnea (GB), Yamaha, 1:36.88; 4, W Gardner (Aus), Honda, 1:37.00; 5, D de Radigues (Bel), Cagiva, 1:37.19; 6 T Tara (Japan), Yamaha, 1:37.29; 7, N Mackenzie (GB), Honda, 1:37.40; 9, K Irons (GB), Suzuki, 1:37.72. British: 12, R Haslam, GB-Elf 4, 1:38.85; 13, R Burnett, GB-Honda, 1:38.85.

CYCLING

Doyle takes pursuit for revenge over Yates

Tony Doyle was well pleased yesterday with his successful defence the previous evening of his 5,000 metres national pursuit title (Peter Bryan writes). It was not so much that he won, but the manner in which he dominated the final — an important stepping-stone to retaining his world crown in Vienna three weeks hence — that pleased him.

He raced against Sean Yates, the man who was selected rather than Doyle as Britain's pursuiter in the Moscow Olympics in 1980. That rebuff made Doyle join the paid ranks: two weeks later, he was the world professional champion.

In the final against Yates, Doyle went all out for a quick finish. He started fast, maintained his speed and saw Yates crumbling on the opposite side of the track. Doyle was relentless and after nine of the event's 15 laps over the Leicester track, caught and passed Yates.

He would normally have eased and not completed the distance, but his helpers ordered him to carry on. His final time of 6min 2.324sec was verification of his good form.

Today he is in action — though no title is at stake — against Francesco Moser, of Italy, who holds both the sea-level and altitude records for 60 minutes' riding.

Doyle wants to avenge the 0.06sec defeat he suffered to Moser last month in a 10-kilometre match in Italy.

POWER BOATING

Williams to lose title

Two months after being declared the winner of the Bristol Grand Prix, Tony Williams is to be *stripped of the title* (Bryan Stiles writes). The appeal board of the Royal Yachting Association have ruled that the Welshman, Jonathan Jones, was wrongly disqualified after being accused of hitting a marker buoy on the course and should be recognized as the official winner. Williams, clearly upset at the decision, is considering whether to appeal.

The board also ruled that John Hill, of Gloucester, was wrongly disqualified after he was reported to have infringed marker-buoy rules and he, like Jones, will receive the requisite world series points.

The decisions have yet to be ratified by the sport's governing body, the Union Internationale Motonautique, in Brussels, and that will not happen until after this weekend's St Louis Grand Prix, the sixth in the world series.

In the meantime, Jones is revelling in the belief that he is placed second behind the American, Bill Seebold, and will be aiming to take the lead this weekend.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

STOCKHOLM: International meeting: Men: 800 metres: 1, L Brown (US), 1 min 47.50 sec; 2, P Bourke (Aus), 1:47.64; 3, J Marshall (US), 1:47.67. 5,000mc: 1, J Danielsson (Swe), 13:34.44; 2, R Wickett (US), 13:38.32; 3, R de Castella (Aus), 13:47.58. 400m handicap: 1, S Nylander (Swe), 51.09; 2, P Eriksson (Swe), 51.41; 3, M Karvonen (Fin), 51.86. 3,000m steeplechase: 1, D Nelson (US), 8:34.19; 2, P Nilsson (Swe), 8:35.23; 3, O Hernstrom (Swe), 8:47.66. Women: 800m: 1, D Grant (US), 2:02.92; 2, M Akrabi (Swe), 2:03.22; 3, C Pfaninger (NZ), 2:05.81. 1,500m: 1, R Wysocki (US), 4:11.48; 2, J Perkins (Aus), 4:13.25; 3, A Eriksson (Swe), 4:14.31. Javelin: 1, I Groenfeldt (Ger), 54.06 metres; 2, A-L Pir (Swe), 50.42; 3, M Norr (Swe), 48.52.

ALL-AFRICAN GAMES

SWIMMING: Finals: Women's 100m butterfly: 1, F Ghamza (Tunisia), 1:06.68 (Games record); 2, S Hafez (Egypt), 1:06.86; 3, Ratsifandrihamanana (Madagascar), 1:07.04. Men's 400m freestyle: 1, I Tamer (Egypt), 4min 15.07sec; 2, S Bouchlaghem (Tunisia), 4:16.14; 3, F Mebarek (Alg), 4:19.25.

WEIGHTLIFTING: Flyweight snatch: M Ramadan (Egypt), 92.5kg. Clean and jerk: L Trab (Tunisia), 117.5kg. Olympic total: Trab, 207.5kg.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League: San Diego Padres 7, Atlanta Braves 4, New York Mets 7, Chicago Cubs 6; St Louis Cardinals 5, Philadelphia Phillies 2; Montreal Expos 8, Pittsburgh Pirates 3. American League: Milwaukee Brewers 11, Baltimore Orioles 8; Detroit Tigers 12, New York Yankees 5; Cleveland Indians 14, Toronto Blue Jays 5; Minnesota Twins 9, Oakland Athletics 4; Seattle Mariners 15, California Angels 4

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCHES: Ely: Cambridgeshire 105, Suffolk 126. Handsworth Woods: Warwickshire 147, Herefordshire 81.

GOLF

HIGH POINT, North Carolina: LPGA Harrelson Classic: First round: 67: S Hamlin, 68: C Walker, L Rinker, D Germain, K Whitworth 69: D Strabig, P Jordan. 70: S Steinhauer, M Foyer, B Daniel.

SANDWICH: British Seniors open amateur championship: Second round: Prince's: 155: S Williams (US), 75, 80. 158: J Whitworth (Warmley), 79, 79. 161: J Stirk (Royal North Devon), 81, 80. 163: S Harding (Sene Valley), 79, 84. Royal Cinque Ports: 161: R Cogan (South Beds), 78, 73. 167: C Moore (US), 78, 81. 169: J Fitzgibbon (Port Marnock), 79, 81. 162: W Bergman (US), 81, 81. 163: E Johnston (US), 81, 82.

LEVEN LINKS: Amateur international: Scotland v West Germany (Scottish names first): Foursomes: C Montgomerie and G Shaw bt H Reiter and E Schaefer, 2 and 1; J Milligan and A Samson bt A Stamm and F Kotter, 7 and 6; D Carmck and P Girvan bt A Rohrich and C Stager, 3 and 2.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Marske: Yorkshire 388-9; Nottinghamshire 92 and 195-9. Chelmsford: Essex 228; Northamptonshire 341. Purley: Lancashire 329-8 and 48-2; Surrey 355-9 dec. Harrow: Middlesex 192 and 131-4; Hampshire 177. Leicester: Leicestershire 181 (D J Bellington 61; S Monkhouse 5-62, S L Watkin 4-48) and 220 (S J Base 6-83); Glamorgan 367-9 dec (S P James 113, P G P Roebuck 57, J A Hopkins 52, P D Bowler 4-54) and 17-0. Glamorgan won by 10wkts. Edgbaston: Sussex 238 (D A Reeve 56, M Pringle 52 not out; A A Donald 5-57) and 228 (N J Lenham 56; T A Munton 4-86); Warwickshire 217 (G R Hodgson 69, A C Storey 66 not out; C J Wilkinson 4-45, M Pringle 4-50) and 163 (Reeve 4-35, Pringle 4-41). Sussex won by 66 runs.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Mildenhall: Suffolk 96 and 141 (R W Flower 4 for 17, A J Webster 4-43); Staffordshire 194-5 dec and 47-0. Staffordshire won by 10wkts. Hertford: Hertfordshire 164-5 dec and 130; Norfolk 133 and 138. Herts won by 33 runs.

CYCLING

COPENHAGEN: Tour of Denmark: Third stage (120 miles): 1, J-P van Poppel (Neth), 5:13:42; 2, B Roll (US), 5:13:42; 3, P Hamnge (Neth), 5:13:42. 4, S Lilholt (Den), 5:13:42; 5, J Marcussen (Den), 5:13:42. Overall positions: 1, K Andersen (Den), 14hr 39min 33sec; 2, R Rosenbergen (Dem), at 12sec; 3, S Lilholt (Den), 0:18; 4, F Maassen (Neth), 0:36; 5, D-O Lauritzen (Nor), 0:44

WIMBLEDON, Hawaii: Coors International classic Second stage (Hilo to Waimea, 118 miles) (US unless stated): 1, E Bomberg (It), 5hr 37min 02sec; 2, R Kiefel, 5:37.29, 3; A McCormack (Ire), 5:37:29; 4, D Smith (amateur), 5:40:58, 5, A Hampsten, 5:41:37, 6, J Pierce, 5:41:37; 7, R Alcala (Mex), 5:41:37; 8, D Phinney, 5:41:37; 9, R Knickman, 5:42:39; 10, A Grewal, 5:42:29. Overall (after two stages): 1, Alcala, 10hr 35min 36sec; 2, Hampsten, at 22sec; 3, Pierce, at 40; 4, Knickman, at 1min 18sec; 5, L Wahlqvist (Swe), at 8:23, 6, Bombera, at 9:45; 7, Kiefel, at 9:45; 8, McCormack, at 10:09; 9, Smith, at 14:09; 10, Phinney, at 14:12.

FOOTBALL

WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: Waldhof Mannheim 1, Borussia Dortmund 0.

SQUASH RACKETS

MELBOURNE: Victorian open championships: Quarter-finals: Men: S Martin (Aus) bt C Walker (GB), 9-4, 10-8, 8-10, 9-7. Wemyss L Ope (GB) bt M J Reid (Aus), 9-3, 9-5, 9-0; A Cummins (GB) bt S Brady (Aus), 9-7, 7-9, 9-6 10-8.

WORLD RANKINGS: 1, Jahangir Khan (Pak) 899pts; 2, R Norman (NZ), 520; 3, S Davenport (NZ), 380; 4, Jansher Khan (Pak) 253; 5, C Dittmar (Aus), 249; 6, R Martin (Aus), 236; 7, P Kamyon (Eng), 232; 8, C Robertson (Aus), 223; 9, Qamar Zaman (Pak), 195; 10, T Nancarrow (Aus), 190.

MOTORSPORT

CORDOBA: Argentinian rally: Leaders after second stage: 1, M Biasion (It), Lancia Delta, 3hr 13 min 16 sec; 2, J Recalde (Arg), Lancia Delta, 49sec behind; 3, E Weber (WG), Volkswagen Golf, 11:46; 4, E Soto (Arg), Renault 18 GTX, 14:25; 5, G Raies (Arg), Renault 18 GTX, 22:40; 6, J Fleck (Br), Volkswagen Golf, 25:21; 7, P Lamos (Br), Volkswagen Golf, 26:30; 8, J Bescham (Arg), Fiat Regatta, 85 28:35; 9, K Eriksson (Swe), Volkswagen Golf, 30:43; 10, A. Schmauk (Chile), Alfa Romeo 33 O, 40:15.

ORIENTEERING

NORTH ACHILTY, Inverness: Scottish six-day international: Fourth day: Men: 10.8km: 1, J Musgrave (Grampian), 71min 22sec; 2, D Wolf (Switz), 71.48; 3, D Peel (Walton Chasers), 73:03. Fifth day: 7.3km: 1, M Begness (Arnemeaera), 51:14; 2, D Newell (Derwent Valley), 52:27; 3, Peel, 54.49. Overall (best four of five results): 1, Peel, 3.883pts; 2, Wolf, 3,849; 3, R McMillan (Oxford University), 3,802. Women: Fourth day: 6km: 1, J Libby (Cleveland), 58:15; 2, C Dyson (South Yorkshire), 59:04; 3, J James (Southern Harriers), 59:06. Fifth day: 8.2km: 1, Libby, 55.59; 2, R Clayton (Derwent Valley), 59:22; 3, V Thornton (Lakeland), 61:13. Overall (best four of five results): 1, Libby, 3,808pts; 2, J Ramsden (Lakeland), 3,723; 3, C Nilsson (Swe), 3,712.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Sheffield 42, Bradford 36. NATIONAL LEAGUE: Middlesbrough 39, Arena Essex 38.

KNOCKOUT CUP: Quarter-final, first leg: Ipswich 47, Oxford 43.

GLIDING

GLOUCESTER: 15m national championship: Sixth day: Heslands Bosworth to Tewkesbury to Cricklade to Newbury to Husbands Bosworth (301km): 1, J Wills (106.5km/h), 2, C Garton (106.4), 3, M Wells (104.6). Overall: 1, Wells, 4,262pts; 2, Wills, 4,086; 3, P Sheard, 4,079; 4, T Lysakowsky, 4,010; 5, R Jones, 3,978, 7, Garton, 3,983.

YACHTING

LARGS: Sinclair Lang UK Laser championship: Fifth race: 1, S Cole (Stannaiker SC) 2 R Loft (Parkstone YC); 3, C Smith (Budeworth Oakes Bay SC) Overall: 1, S Cole, 5,25; 2, C Stenhouse (South Windermere SC), 24, 5, A Brown, 25.

LLANDUDNO: GP 14 national championships: Sixth race: 1, S Ralph and A Service (Bolton), 2, A Johnson and D Garlick (Southport); 3, S and R McCulloch (Skerne); 4, R Smith and R Winwood (Budworth). Final championship positions: 1, R Estaugh and L Bertles (Chase), 11¼pts; 2, Ralph, 13¼; 3, Smith, 18¼, Johnson, 22.

SWIMMING

COVENTRY: Esso National Age-group competition: (Winners only): Boys: Aged 12: 100m freestyle: M Carl (Redbridge Borough), 1.02.75. 100m breaststroke: J Campbell (City Of Newcastle), 1:22.25. Aged 13 and 14: 100m backstroke: S Mellor (City of Manchester), 1.5.23. 200m butterfly: C Robinson (Aldermanbury), 2.14.22. 100m backstroke: D Weatherford (Swem Florida), 59.71. 400m medley: Weatherford, 4.36.80. 400m freestyle: 1, C Robinson (Aldermanbury), 4.18.79. 200m breaststroke: 1, Robinson, 2.37.60. Aged 15 and 16: 100m butterfly: 1, D Parker (City of Coventry), 57.62 (championship record). Aged 17 and 18: 200m medley: G Robins (Portsmouth Northsea), 2.11.57. 200m backstroke: 1, I Panting (Kelly College), 2.10.74 (championship record). 4x50m medley relay: 1, City of Leeds, 1.51.86 (championship record).

Girls: Aged 12: 100m breaststroke: J Campbell (City of Newcastle), 1:22.25. Aged 13 and 14: 4 x 50m freestyle relay: City of Birmingham, 1.54.32 (championship record). 4 x 50m medley relay: City of Birmingham, 2.06.74 (championship record). Aged 15 and 16: 200m backstroke: T Atkin (City Of Lincoln Pantaqua), 2.22.35. 400m medley: S Smart (City of Chester), 5.02.31. Aged 17 and 18: 200m breaststroke: D Tubby (Norwich Penguins), 2.42.81.

TENNIS

KITZBÜHEL, Austria: Grand prix tournament: Men: Third round: R Agenor (US) bt M Antonitsch (Austria), 6-7, 6-2, 6-4, 1-6; M Mecir (Cz) bt A Maurer (WG), 6-2, 6-3; R Agenor (Hait) bt T Muster (Austria), 6-4, 6-2; E Sanchez (Sp) bt F Cancellotti (It), 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; T Meinecke (WG) bt C Narbusse (Arg), 6-2, 6-2; D Cahill (Aus) bt T Smid (Cz), 7-6, 6-7, 7-6; P Araya (Peru) bt H Skoff (Austria), 6-3, 6-3; G Perez-Roldan (Arg) bt S Barrer (Cz), 6-3, 6-3.

STRATTON MOUNTAIN, Vermont: Volvo International tournament (US unless stated): Singles, third round: B Gilbert bt A Mansdorf (Isr), 6-4, 6-4; I Lendl (Cz) bt R Seguso, 6-3, 6-7, 6-2; A Agassi bt C Hooper, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, C van Rensburg (SA) bt G Holmes, 6-1, 6-4; J Reus bt S Zivojinovic (Yugo), 7-6, 6-2; D Visser (SA) bt D Pate, 7-6, 6-4; K Jones bt S Davis, 7-6, 7-6, J McEnroe bt B Tessemer, 7-6, 6-0, 6-1.

SAN DIEGO: Virginia Slims women's tournament: Singles, third round: N Herreman (Fr) bt M Lindstrom (Swe), 6-4, 7-6; R Reggi (It) bt L Garrone (It), 6-0, 6-0; N Tauziat (Fr) bt K Horvath (US), 6-3, 6-4; E Nakami (US) bt B Nagelsen (US), 7-5, 6-4; L McNeil (US) bt P L Hatton (US), 5-7, 6-3, 6-1; K Gompert (US) bt S Gomer (GB), 6-4, 6-2; I Demongeot (Fr) bt P Tarabini (Arg), 7-5, 6-0; A Minter (Aus) bt T Phelps (US), 7-5, 6-3.

ILKLEY: Charlie Brown open championship: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: J Bates (Surrey) bt J Turner (Avon), 6-4, 6-4, 6-1; S Icknngill (retired) bt A Castle (Somerset), 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; P McFarlane (Essex) bt R Drysdale (Essex), 6-2, 6-1; N Fullwood (Derby) bt D Bishop (Yorks), 6-1, 6-4. Women's semi-finals: T Price (SA) bt A Fleming (Leics), 7-5, 6-2; J Tacon (Norfolk) bt S Godman (Middx), 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

CRICKET: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MAINTAIN CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE ON A WELL-SCUFFED PITCH

Hemmings swoops like a predator to end resistance

By Ivo Tennant

WORKSOP: Nottinghamshire (23 points) beat Warwickshire (3) by an innings and 34 runs.

Given an uninterrupted day's play, the state of the pitch and Warwickshire's fallibilities, it was only likely to be a matter of time before Nottinghamshire would achieve the victory they needed to maintain their challenge for the championship. Achieve it they did, and by an innings.

Win the toss here, they say, and you win the match. It would certainly have been a more interesting contest had Warwickshire batted first and Kallicharran been playing. But that is all hypothetical. What is of relevance is that Hemmings, who left Warwickshire nine years ago and is now in his benefit season with Nottinghamshire took 10 for 79, and that his county play six of their remaining eight matches at Trent Bridge.

On a dry and well-scuffed pitch, poor Warwickshire did at least manage to make a better fist of their second innings. Resuming on 90 for six, they were following on *before lunch. Tedstone was* picked up at first slip in Hadlee's opening over, Neil Smith taken off bat and pad and Merrick caught backward of square.

Come the follow-on and Moles swung the first ball of the innings for four and edged the next to third slip. Two more wickets fell before lunch, those of Lloyd and Asif Din, both to Hemmings' close circle of catches.

Hadlee now, was almost surplus to requirements which was just as well since the light was so poor that Rice was forced to use him sparingly. Once off the field, there would have been no returning.

Once Lloyd had gone, Warwickshire were totally reliant on the technique of Amiss and the ability that Humpage has to bludgeon his way out of trouble. Amiss mastered the turning ball for 32 overs until Rice, for want of variation, brought himself on and tested him with a bouncer which was top edged to short leg.

Neil Smith stayed with *Humpage to the extent of* adding 74 in 19 overs, making much use of his pad and thigh pad. When Humpage, having struck 11 fours and a six, *played on to* Afford, Warwickshire's tail was not one to delay predators for long.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 375 for 8 dec (D J R Martindale 103, E E Hemmings 75).

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

T A Lloyd c Scott b Hemmings	39
A J Moles c Newell b Hadlee	0
Asif Din c Hadlee b Rice	9
D L Amiss c Birch b Hadlee	13
G W Humpage c Scott b Hemmings	0
P A Smith c Birch b Hadlee	11
†G A Tedstone c Rice b Hadlee	7
N M K Smith c Newell b Hemmings	9
G C Small not out	17
T A Merrick c Pollard b Hemmings	0
*N Gifford c Newell b Hadlee	0
Extras (b 13, lb 4, w 1)	18
Total (82.3 overs)	123

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-32, 3-52, 4-52, 5-90, 6-84, 7-90, 8-114, 9-114.

BOWLING: Hadlee 22.3-5-39-5; Pick 6-2-18-0; Hemmings 34-28-17-4; Rice 8-3-11-1; Afford 12-6-21-0.

Second Innings

T A Lloyd c Johnson b Hemmings	32
A J Moles c Johnson b Pick	4
Asif Din c Hadlee b Hemmings	17
D L Amiss c Newell b Rice	41
G W Humpage b Afford	89
P A Smith lbw b Hemmings	1
†G A Tedstone c Newell b Hemmings	0
N M K Smith lbw b Afford	23
G C Small b Hemmings	9
T A Merrick c Pollard b Hemmings	6
*N Gifford not out	0
Extras (b8, lb 7)	15
Total	218

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-48, 3-88, 4-114, 5-127, 6-127, 7-201, 8-212, 9-212.

BOWLING: Pick 8-1-28-1; Rice 10-2-31-1; Hemmings 38-16-62-6, Hadlee 8-1-33-0; *Afford 25-15-48-2.*

Umpires: J W Holder and K J Lyons.



Under pressure: Mike Gatting, the England captain, during the second day of the Test at the Oval yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Graveney injury mars a victory

By Richard Streeton

CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire (24pts) beat Surrey (8) by 52 runs.

A bad hand injury suffered by David Graveney, their captain *and left-arm spinner, who could* now miss next Wednesday's NatWest trophy semi-final tie, marred Gloucestershire's win. Graveney needed 10 stitches after his right hand was cut deeply as he took a stinging return catch from Lynch.

The dismissal of Lynch was a serious setback for Surrey as they chased a target of 316 in 66 overs. Stewart and Jesty kept them in the hunt with a brisk fourth wicket stand, before the loss of three wickets in successive overs left Gloucestershire in control.

Surrey's prospects of a victory they needed badly to maintain their championship hopes were not helped by injuries to their own players. Clarke did not bowl, because of a strained thigh muscle, as Gloucestershire scored freely in the morning before they declared one ball *after lunch. Smith had not* fielded because of a strained back and under the regulations therefore could not bat before No. 7.

Bullen, who has several good second eleven batting performances behind him, opened in place of Smith and made a creditable 57 as Surrey began promisingly. Clinton was caught behind hooking, but Bullen and Stewart took the total past 100

Bullen was unable to keep down a lifting ball from Lawrence and was caught at backward short leg. Lynch faced only five balls after the interval before Graveney took the catch *that proved so disastrous for* him personally. Jesty, however, was soon striking the ball hard.

The match was in the balance when Stewart played a loose shot outside the off stump against Walsh and was caught *behind. In the next over* Richards was brilliantly held by Athey above his head at short extra cover. Jesty then square cut Walsh for a remarkable six and straight drove him for four but next ball was caught down the legside by the wicketkeeper.

After this Surrey struggled. Gloucestershire won with 12 overs to spare.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 353 for 9 dec (P Bainbridge 151, A J Wright 53, †R C Russell 50 not).

Second Innings

A W Stovold c Bullen b Clarke	35
C W J Athey c Bullen b Clarke	12
P W Romaines c and b Thomas	2
K M Curran c Stewart b Greig	67
J W Lloyds c Richards b Thomas	63
A J Wright c Jesty b Greig	56
P Bainbridge c Thomas b Bullen	41
†R C Russell not out	8
C A Walsh c Bullen b Greig	1
Extras (nb 7)	7
Total (8 wkts dec)	292

D V Lawrence and *D A Graveney did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-53, 3-55, 4-163, 5-198, 6-270, 7-290, 8-292.

BOWLING: Clarke 14-4-48-2; Thomas 18-1-84-2; Greig 14.1-1-78-3; Feltham 16-5-39-0; Jesty 3-0-28-0; Bullen 5-1-15-1;

SURREY: First Innings 330 (M A Lynch 114, D M Smith 58; P Bainbridge 5 for 70).

Second Innings

G S Clinton c Russell b Lawrence	14
C K Bullen c Romaines b Lawrence	57
A J Stewart c Russell b Walsh	65
M A Lynch c and b Graveney	6
T E Jesty c Russell b Walsh	47
†C J Richards c Athey b Bainbridge	0
*I A Greig run out	17
D M Smith c Russell b Walsh	6
D J Thomas not out	20
M A Feltham c Curran b Lloyds	9
S T Clarke c Lawrence b Lloyds	5
Extras (lb 5, nb 12)	17
Total	263

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-109, 3-118, 4-190, 5-191, 6-201, 7-219, 8-224, 9-246.

BOWLING: Walsh 19.4-1-86-3; Lawrence 15-0-80-2; Bainbridge 9-0-42-1; Graveney 2.2-1-10-1; Lloyds 6.5-0-40-2.

Umpires: N T Plews and D R Shepherd.

Tufnell is held out by Jarvis

By Geoffrey Wheeler

After two desultory days at Canterbury, the match between Middlesex and Kent came alive on a final day dominated by two *left-arm spin bowlers, separated* by 21 years. First, Derek Underwood took advantage of a wearing pitch to take five for 43, his best return of the season, before the Middlesex declaration at 103 for six asked Kent to make 219 to win, a tempting target.

With Benson establishing a platform with yet another half-century and Tavaré taking up the challenge, Kent were within range when they came unstuck against Philip Tuffnell, deputizing for Edmonds, who took six for 60 in 23 overs

Jarvis, the Kent No. 11, who came in to win last week's match between the counties at Lord's, this time had to hang on for the final 3.4 overs to help Kent to a draw at 185 for nine.

Colin Wells, whose all-round form has been one of the few bright features of a generally disappointing season for Sussex, scored his third century of 1987 to thwart Essex at Eastbourne. The champions established a first innings lead of 169, then took the first four wickets in the Sussex second innings for 54. But that proved their high watermark. Wells, in partnerships with his brother Alan, Moores and Gould, the captain, slowly took the game out of Essex's reach and was unbeaten with 148 when Sussex declared at 358 for six.

Hampshire were asked to score 333 in 210 minutes to beat Somerset at Weston-super-Mare, but were never in the hunt once Greenidge fell to the first ball of the innings, finishing at 225 for five, Terry being dismissed two short of a century. Steve Waugh, the Australian, made 71 not out on his debut before the Somerset declaration.

At Abergavenny, Leicestershire, set 330 in 64 overs by Glamorgan, were just getting up a head of steam at 183 for two with 20 overs remaining when Ontong trapped the dangerous Briers and the chase was quickly abandoned.

Woeful Yorkshire recall Dennis

By Martin Searby

CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire, 7 points, drew with Yorkshire, 5 points.

Yorkshire, urgently needing to inject some life into their flagging seam attack after Derbyshire's tail continued to wag embarrassingly at gloomy Queen's Park, have added Simon Dennis, their left arm pace bowler, and Stuart Fletcher to the squad for today's match with Sussex at Sheffield.

Dennis, at one time a regular, has played only once this season in the opening game against Middlesex and his future with the county is uncertain. It is doubtful if he could perform at a lower par than his colleagues who allowed Derbyshire's last two wickets to add 177 and Sharma and Mortensen to achieve career best scores, the former needing only one ball for a maiden hundred, the latter remaining unbeaten on 74 after making only 55 in his previous fifteen innings.

Sharma miscued to backward point after 4¼ hours and Sidebottom uprooted Malcolm's middle stump to leave Derbyshire only three short of the largest total of the season against Yorkshire. Lancashire's 402 for three at Old Trafford.

Yorkshire required 151 to avoid an innings defeat and lost Blakely to a stunning catch at short leg, the ball flying off the meat of the bat into Finney's outstretched right hand and Sharpe was beaten off the pitch by Holding. Love, trying to avoid a short ball from Malcolm was taken behind but the bowler unwisely continued the short stuff which encouraged the umpires to offer the light and cost Derbyshire sixteen overs.

Metcalfe completed a half century from 74 balls with eight boundaries but Derby's hopes flickered long enough to keep the game going as he, Robinson and Carrick edged catchers. But Sidebottom was crucially dropped by Sharma at slip in the fifth of the last twenty overs and it was too late when Maher took a fine diving catch off the inside edge and Derby gave in to their fate four overs early.

YORKSHIRE: *First Innings 349* (P E Robinson 95, S N Hartley 63; M A Holding 4 for 65).

Second Innings

R J Blakey c Finney b Malcolm	1
A A Metcalfe c Sharma b Jean-Jacques	56
K Sharp lbw b Holding	11
J D Love c Maher b Malcolm	2
P E Robinson c Maher b Jean-Jacques	28
S N Hartley not out	17
*P Carrick c Sharma b Jean-Jacques	3
A Sidebottom c Maher b Jean-Jacques	33
P J Hartley not out	3
Extras (lb 8, nb 8)	16
Total (7 wkts)	168

P W Jarvis and C Shaw did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-36, 3-40, 4-98, 5-104, 6-113, 7-157.

BOWLING: Holding 11-3-20-1; Malcolm 9-1-31-2; Jean-Jacques 20-3-61-4; Sharma 3-0-21-0; Roberts 15-8-27-0.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett b Jarvis	22
†B J M Maher lbw b Jarvis	0
B Roberts b Carrick	95
J E Morris c Metcalfe b P J Hartley	19
I S Anderson lbw b Jarvis	17
R J Finney b Sidebottom	15
R Sharma c P J Hartley b Sidebottom	111
M A Holding b P J Hartley	9
M Jean-Jacques c Jarvis b Carrick	4
O H Mortensen not out	74
D E Malcolm b Sidebottom	6
Extras (b 3, lb 13, w 1, nb 7)	24
Total	399

Score at 100 overs: 263-8.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-34, 3-107, 4-135, 5-171, 6-195, 7-212, 8-226, 9-373.

BOWLING: Jarvis 35-8-89-3; Sidebottom 26-3-81-3; P J Hartley 30-5-82-2; Shaw 12-3-44-0; Carrick 42-13-77-2.

Umpires: A A Jones and B J Meyer.

Northamptonshire left nursing many wounds

By Jack Bailey

OLD TRAFFORD: Northamptonshire (8pts) drew with Lancashire (5).

The loss of the last day's play to thin, misty but persistant rain, was accepted philosophically enough by Northamptonshire. It was, however, extremely disappointing for the championship leaders, who had fought back so admirably on Thursday to establish a dominant position against one of their more dangerous rivals for the title.

Geoff Cook, the Northamptonshire captain, is too seasoned a campaigner to be other than quietly disappointed. "It *is frustrating,*" he said. "We were confident that we had established a match-winning position and could have finished the job. I was particularly sorry that all the efforts of David Ripley and Nick Cook did not receive ther just rewards."

Ripley, whose excellent century had been so central to Northamptonshire's cause, was yesterday nursing a cracked toe, the legacy of a wicked full toss from McLeod, Lancashire's Jamaican fast bowler. He has been told to rest for 10 days, but hopes against hope to be fit for Wednesday's NatWest semi-final against Leicestershire.

Cook, too, is doubtful for today's championship match against Essex. His bruised arm still left him unable to grasp a bat yesterday. Northamptonshire are hoping that Walker, their injured quick bowler, will be fit for the NatWest match, but he, also, is unlikely to play before then.

There are clearly some stiff hurdles remaining before the championship race is done. But on recent evidence Northamptonshire have the determination and the ability to clear them.

No play yesterday

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire 239 (N G B Cook 6 for 77) and 28 for 1 (Bowling: Capel 2-0-14-0; Harper 4-1-4-0; Cook 3-1-3-1); Northamptonshire 379 for 8 dec (D Ripley 125 not out, N G B Cook 64, R J Bailey 61). Match Drawn. Lancashire 5pts, Northamptonshire 8.

Britannic Assurance County Championship

	P	W	L	T	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Northants(9)	15	7	0	-	8	30	47	185
Yorks (9)	19	6	3	-	10	38	47	181
Notts (4)	16	5	1	-	10	44	54	178
Lancs (15)	17	4	4	-	9	43	50	157
Leicester (7)	16	5	3	-	8	30	46	155
Surrey (3)	16	4	3	-	9	41	47	152
Derby (11)	16	4	4	1	7	35	43	150
Hampshire (6)	17	3	3	-	11	40	54	142
Worcs (5)	16	3	2	-	11	36	44	128
Essex (1)	17	2	1	-	14	34	54	128
Somerset (16)	17	2	1	-	14	45	51	128
Gloucester(2)	16	3	5	1	7	39	29	123
Kent (8)	17	2	3	-	12	35	46	113
Warwick (12)	16	1	5	-	10	29	46	91
Sussex (14)	16	1	5	-	10	30	37	83

1986 positions in brackets

● *Essex total includes 6pts for drawn match when scores finished level. Northamptonshire total includes 12pts for win in one-innings match.*

MOTOR RACING

No hurry to find a new partner for Mansell

From John Blunsden, Budapest

Nigel Mansell celebrated the news that he would have a new team colleague at Canon Williams next season by lapping the Hungaroring more than two seconds quicker than anyone else during the first qualifying period for tomorrow's Hungarian Grand Prix.

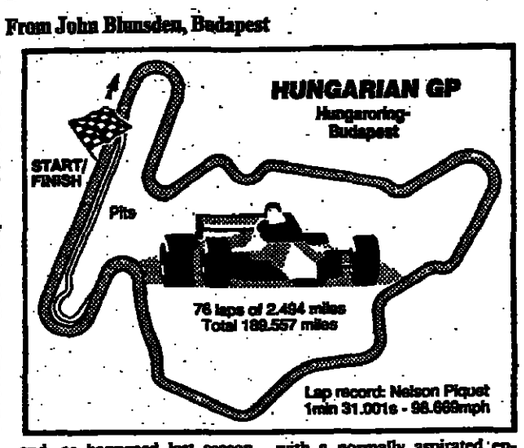
Nelson Piquet, whose surprise move to Camel *Lotus in place of* Ayrton Senna for next year was announced on Thursday evening, was only fifth quickest yesterday when the track was dry for only the last few minutes of the hour-long session.

"We were one of the first to switch to dry tyres," Mansell said, "and this enabled me to get into the groove. This is very important here because if you get off-line the circuit is extremely slippery."

No early announcement from Frank Williams can be expected as to who will replace Piquet. "There is no rush, but you can take it that we will take the very best driver available when the time comes," he said. Inevitably, several drivers have already registered their interest in the vacant seat and Martin Brundle was one of the quickest

"I look forward to seeing who the team chooses to drive alongside me," Mansell said. "I can work with anyone and I hope that whoever it turns out to be we can build a really constructive and co-operative team relationship. Don't misunderstand me, Nelson has not been uncooperative, it is just that he hasn't seemed able to be as co-operative as I think driving partners should be."

Piquet's pending departure will in no way alter the way in which the team is operated this year. Under his contract the Brazilian has first call on the team's only spare car at all races



and, as happened last season, Mansell will only get exclusive use of a fourth car for the last few races if the world championship position is particularly close by that time.

After the German Grand Prix two weeks ago, Senna informed the Lotus team director, Peter Warr, of his intention to exercise his option to be released from the 1988 portion of his contract, after twice having asked for more time in which to consider his future.

Although Marlboro McLaren are not yet in a position to announce their 1988 plans, it is widely assumed that Senna will be joining them and that, like Williams and Lotus, they will be using Honda engines. But if Senna does join Alain Prost, it may not necessarily be at the expense of Stefan Johansson, the present McLaren No. 2.

Next year is the last for turbo-charged engines and the temptations will be considerable for the top teams to run a third car, with a normally aspirated engine, as part of their building towards 1989. Certainly, Johansson is highly regarded at McLaren. "He has done a magnificent job for us this year," the team director, Crichton Brown, said.

It was a mixed day for British drivers on the Hungaroring. Derek Warrick did well to claim ninth quickest time with his Arrows, despite suffering from conjunctivitis in his left eye and a bought of influenza. Jonathan Palmer spent the day running in a brand new Courtaulds Tyrrell chassis.

Brundle spent a frustrating day searching for adequate grip with his Zakspeed.

LEADING PRACTICE TIMES: 1, N Mansell (GB), Canon Williams-Honda, 1min 28.047sec; 2, A Prost (Fr), Marlboro McLaren TAG, 1.30.156; 3, M Alboreto (It), Ferrari, 1.30.472; 4, T Boutsen (Bel), Benetton-Ford, 1.30.748; 5, N Piquet (Br), Canon Williams-Honda, 1.30.842; 6, G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, 1.31.090; 7, S Johansson (Swe), Marlboro McLaren-TAG, 1.31.228; 8, A Senna (Br), Camel Lotus-Honda, 1.31.387; 9, D Warwick (GB), USF and G Arrows-Megatron, 1.31.418; 10, R Patrese (It), Brabham-BMW, 1.31.586.

GOLF

Shapcott forced to keep cool

By Patricia Davies

Susan Shapcott defended the English girls' championship at *Sandy Lodge, Hertfordshire,* yesterday, as the form book suggested, but she was taken to a testing 10-foot putt on the last green by Simone Morgan, of Coventry, a bantam battler.

Miss Morgan, who mixes working at her parents' snack bar with her golf, started well when her distinguished opponent duck-hooked her drive. Miss Morgan lost the second to par, however, and having held the third, she squandered the next three holes, all to par fives. She took three putts at the fourth, missing from barely three feet, then hit a fairway wood into a bunker at the fifth and took three putts from six feet at the sixth, when she did not compose herself after a jousting match with an irritating insect.

Giving Miss Shapcott, who is bowed under the weight of senior titles and international honours, let alone junior ones, such a lead would have shattered players with less spirit than Miss Morgan. She fought back to win the next two holes with pars.

Miss Shapcott won the ninth and 12th to maintain her serenity, but Miss Morgan's bright and breezy style was matched by a 20-foot putt for the first birdie and she again reduced the deficit at the 15th with a par.

She lost the 16th, but kept the match alive by holing a sloping 20-foot downhill putt for a birdie at the 17th. The gallery were expecting extra holes when Miss Shapcott left her first putt 10 feet short at the last, but with her opponent safely in the hole, she displayed a champion's nerve by sinking.

FINAL: S Shapcott (Knowle) bt S Morgan (Kenilworth), 1 up. Flight Two Final: S Garmatr (Bigbury) bt T Lowsys (Weymouth), at 19th.

Soyars holds off challenge

Bill Soyars (Onion Creek), a rancher from Texas, aged 61, won the British Seniors Open amateur golf championship by a stroke, at Royal Cinque Ports, Deal, yesterday.

His final round of 78, after losing his ball at the 16th, was just enough to hold off Bo Williams, the US Seniors champion.

LEADING SCORES: 228: B Soyars (US), 78, 227: B Williams (US), 72, 229: J Hayes (Gosforth), 77; B Gawthrey (West Bowling), 80. 231: I Caldwell (Sunningdale), 78, R Coogan (South Beds), 80. 232: F Campbell (US), 75; J Kirk (US), 77. 233: D Dale (Can), 74; T Williams (Ringway), 78; I Harris (Royal Troon), 79; N Rees (Ashburnham), 79; J Thornton (Liphook), 80.

Queensland pair basking in lead

From Robert Green, Llanghasen

A couple of Queenslanders shared the halfway lead in the PLM Open here after a day when the wind dropped, the rain stayed away and it was almost warm enough to discard one's second sweater.

Peter Senior had a 69 comprising 15 pars and three birdies, while Ossie Moore produced a remarkable under par 63 — remarkable because he played the four long holes in level fives. At eight under par they held a one stroke advantage over David Feherty, David J Russell and Per-Arne Brostedt.

Senior likes it in Sweden — he won this title last year. He generally likes it in Europe — he has earned £106,459 here this season — although he cannot wait to get back home to Brisbane. "which is more important than trying to top the Order of Merit." He is also relishing the prospect of contesting the Australian Order of Merit with Greg Norman this autumn. "The Little Fat Tadpole against the Great White Shark" is his unassuming description of the forthcoming battle.

Senior has putted with his left hand below his right since the day eight years ago when he missed six one foot putts in eight holes. Moore used to put cack-handed but has reverted to the conventional method despite confessing to still being a bad putter. Although he only made one putt over 20ft after 10 holes he stood on the 18th tee with hopes of a 60 but he finished with a six rather an eagle three.

Ove Sellberg had a six on the seventh where he marked his ball and threw it towards his caddie. Instead it went into a pond. That cost him a two shot penalty, which was how much he missed the cut by.

SECOND ROUND SCORES: 138: P Senior (Aus) 67, 69; D Moore (Aus) 73, 63. 137: P A Brostedt (Swe) 68, 69; D J Russell 65, 72; D Fherty 67, 70. 138: S Bishop 70, 68; G J Brand 70, 68. 139: J Morgan 72, 67; A Chandler 72, 67; J O'Leary 71, 68; C Moody 71, 68; R Lee 69, 70; R Rafferty 68, 71. 140: D Smyth 68, 72; B Lane 70, 70; V Fernandez (Arg) 72, 68; B Malley (US) 71, 69; M Persson (Swe) 70, 70.

Scotland take spoils by beating Wales

By John Hennessy

Scotland, already European Champions, won the R & A Trophy for boys (under 18) at Kilmarnock (Barassie) yesterday with a convincing victory over Wales. Having beaten England the day before, they won the morning foursomes against Wales by 3½ points to 1½, and the singles by 7 points to 3. England beat Ireland by 9½ points to 5½ for third place.

Scotland always looked in command of the match in the afternoon but for much of the morning they were struggling. It was that background of adversity which produced a brave display by Kenny Wright, of Royal Musselburgh. Playing out of the rough at the 13th, he experienced a sharp pain in his right shoulder, and later discovered he had cracked a bone. Gritting his teeth round a tee peg, he played out the five remaining holes and indeed, holed a long putt on the 18th to win his foursome match with David Kilpatrick.

England's victory over a young Irish team, six of whom will be available next year, was less clear-cut than the result might suggest. There were only two tight matches still on the course when Tim Trodd, of Langley Park, struck the final blow by beating Paul Russell (Armagh) on the last green. Even then a half point was still needed but Jonathan Vardy (Coombe Hill) was dormie two up on Declan Cunningham (Galway).

David Bathgate, winner of the Carris Trophy recently, again showed his pedigree.

RESULTS: England v Ireland: (Play-off for third. Irish names first) Foursomes: P Acheson and G Mcneill lost to D Bathgate and W Henry 3 and 2; P Harrington and B Kinsella halved with J Payne and M Watson; D Emily and S Hogan bt J Bickerton and V Cox, 1 hole; D Butler and R Hunter lost to D Hickman and M Smith, 3 and 2; D Cunningham and P Russell, bt T Trodd and B Austin, 7 and 6. Foursomes result: Ireland 2½, England 2½. Singles: Emily lost to Henry, 1 hole; McNeill bt Payne, 3 and 2; Acheson lost to Bathgate, 7 and 6; J Hoey (Ennis) lost to Bickerton, 5 and 4; Hogan bt Watson, 2 and 1; Kinsella bt Cox, 3 and 2; Russell lost to Trodd, 2 holes; Harrington lost to Hickman, 6 and 4; Butler lost to Smith, 1 hole; Cunningham lost to J A Vardy (Coombe Hill), 1 hole. Singles result: Ireland 3, England 7. Match result: Ireland 5½, England 9½. Scotland v Wales: (Play-off for first. Scottish names first) Foursomes: S Doherty and S Bannerman lost to A Wesson and C O'Carroll, 4 and 2; A Collart and C Fraser halved with M Sheppard and C Platt; S Duffy and C Ronald bt S Edwards and N Chidley, one hole; D Kirkpatrick and K Wright bt R Evans and N Allen, one hole; A Elliot and S Henderson bt I Davidson and A Herbert, one hole. Foursomes result: Scotland 3½, Wales 1½. Singles: Docherty bt Edwards, 3 and 2; Bannerman bt Sheppard, 3 and 2; Collart lost to Wesson, 6 and 5; Ronald lost to Chidley, 1 hole; Fraser bt O'Carroll, 3 and 2; Duffy bt Herbert, 1 hole; S Syme (St Andrews) bt Platt, 3 and 2; Henderson bt Davidson, 2 and 1; Elliot bt B R Macfarlane, (Aberdovey) 5 and 4; Kirkpatrick lost to Evans, 4 and 3. Singles Result: Scotland 7, Wales 3. Match Result: Scotland 10½, Wales 4½.

Glamorgan v Leics

ABERGAVENNY: Glamorgan (5pts) drew with Leicestershire (4).

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 386 (A R Butcher 135, *H Morris 56, R J Shastri 56).

Second Innings

A R Butcher c Such b Potter	64
*H Morris b Willey	3
P A Todd c Whitaker b Willey	17
M P Maynard c DeFreitas b Potter	38
G C Holmes not out	44
R J Shastri not out	49
Extras (b 5)	5
Total (4 wkts dec)	220

J Derrick, †C P Metson, I Smith, S R Barwick and R C Ontong did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-53, 3-122, 4-137.

BOWLING: Agnew 5-0-25-0; Cliff 3-1-5-0; Willey 8-1-48-2; Such 19-1-71-0; Potter 14-2-66-2.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 277 for 5 dec (I P Butcher 88, R A Cobb 78).

BOWLING: Barwick 15-2-46-1, Smith 4-1-20-0; Ontong 17-4-53-0; Shastri 33-8-72-2; Derrick 27-6-71-2; Holmes 1-0-1-0.

Second Innings

I P Butcher c Todd b Shastri	67
N E Briers c Holmes b Ontong	84
*P Willey c Maynard b Ontong	26
J J Whitaker c Ontong b Shastri	9
P A J DeFreitas b Shastri	18
L Potter not out	7
P B Clift not out	4
Extras (b 4, lb 3, nb 2)	9
Total (5 wkts)	224

R A Cobb, J P Agnew, †P Whitticase and P M Such did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-130, 2-175, 3-187, 4-201, 5-220.

BOWLING: Barwick 2-1-1-0; Derrick 7-1-33-0; Ontong 22-5-103-2; Shastri 25-7-80-3.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and R A White.

Somerset v Hants

WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Somerset (6pts) drew with Hampshire (4).

SOMERSET: First Innings 300 (*P M Roebuck 165; T M Tremlett 6 for 53).

Second Innings

N A Felton b Tremlett	25
*P M Roebuck c R A Smith b Marshall	19
J J E Hardy c Terry b Cowley	28
N J Pringle st Parks b Maru	9
S R Waugh not out	71
R J Harden c Parks b Tremlett	10
†N D Burns run out	9
G V Palmer not out	43
Extras (b 6, lb 7)	13
Total (6 wkts dec)	225

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-52, 3-70, 4-84, 5-113, 6-128.

BOWLING: Marshall 15-2-44-1; Connor 12-3-22-0; Tremlett 14-7-33-2; Cowley 23.4-3-85-1; Maru 20-4-58-1.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 193

Second Innings

C G Greenidge lbw b Jones	0
C L Smith c Burns b Waugh	34
V P Terry b Palmer	98
D R Turner c Palmer b Harman	0
R A Smith lbw b Palmer	66
M D Marshall not out	1
N G Cowley not out	0
Extras (b 5, lb 13, w 1, nb 5)	24
Total (5 wkts)	225

†R J Parks, T M Tremlett, R J Maru and C A Connor did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-67, 3-68, 4-219, 5-220.

BOWLING: Jones 9.1-2-31-1; Foster 5-0-28-0; Harman 20.4-8-57-1; Waugh 14-3-33-1; Roebuck 6-1-24-0; Palmer 6-1-25-2. Pringle 2-1-17-0.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and J Birkenshaw.

Kent v Middlesex

CANTERBURY: Kent (3pts) drew with Middlesex (6).

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 291 (*†P R Downton 74, J D Carr 58; E A E Baptiste 4 for 63)

Second Innings

W N Slack b Underwood	3
J D Carr c Taylor b Underwood	22
A J T Miller lbw b Underwood	16
K R Brown not out	23
R O Butcher c Davis b Jarvis	6
*†P R Downton c Marsh b Underwood	2
A Needham b Underwood	5
S P Hughes not out	22
Extras (b 1, lb 3)	4
Total (8 wkts dec)	103

A R C Fraser N G Cowans P C R Tufnell did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-42, 3-43, 4-54, 5-57, 6-83.

BOWLING: Baptiste 11-2-25-0; Underwood 19-5-43-5; Jarvs 5-1-13-1; Davis 4-*0-19-0.*

KENT: First Innings 176 (N G Cowans 4 for 42)

Second Innings

M R Benson c Needham b Tufnell	55
N R Taylor c Downton b Fraser	9
S G Hinks c Fraser b Tufnell	18
C J Tavaré c Cowans b Tufnell	56
D G Aslett c Butcher b Tufnell	0
*C S Cowdrey c Butcher b Tufnell	6
E A E Baptiste not out	29
†S A Marsh b Fraser	2
R P Davis run out	0
D L Underwood c Brown b Tufnell	1
K B S Jarvis not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 8)	9
Total (9 wkts)	185

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-62, 3-122, 4-136, 5-151, 6-151, 7-174, 8-177, 9-179.

BOWLING: Cowans 8-0-25-0; Hughes 5-1-7-0; Fraser 15-5-41-2; Needham 13-3-43-0; Tufnell 23-4-50-6.

Umpires: R Julian and R Palmer.

Sussex v Essex

EASTBOURNE: Sussex (3pts) drew with Essex (6).

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SUSSEX: First Innings 228 (A C S Pigott 57 not; D R Pringle 4 for 55).

Second Innings

R Alikhan c Gooch b Pont	14
D K Standing b Pringle	8
P A W Heseltine c Hardie b Lever	14
P W G Parker c Hardie b Lever	10
A P Wells lbw b Page	50
C M Wells not out	148
P Moores c Miller b Pont	30
*P J Gould not out	64
Extras (b 4, lb 10, w 2, nb 4)	20
Total (6 wkts dec)	358

A C S Pigott, S J S Kimber and A M Babington did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-39, 3-45, 4-54, 5-134, 6-210.

BOWLING: Lever 26-7-97-2; Pringle 16-3-44-1; Pont 19-3-68-2; Page 12-0-45-1; Gooch 12-2-35-0; Miller 8-1-40-0; Stephenson 6-1-15-0.

ESSEX: First Innings 397 for 7 dec (B R Hardie 111, K W R Fletcher 92)

Umpires: M J Kitchen and D O Oslear.

Border leads

Allan Border, the Australian captain, leads the Rest of the World XI against the League Conference XI at West Bromwich on Tuesday (August 11) in their final warm-up game before the match against MCC At Lord's.

HORSE TRIALS

Invincible Ireland thwart Britain

By Jenny MacArthur

To the resounding cheers of the Ballsbridge Arena, Ireland foiled a treble for Britain when they won yesterday's Nations Cup event for the Aga Khan Trophy at the Dublin Horse Show after outstanding performances from all four of the Irish riders. Britain, who rallied in the second round, but too late for victory, finished second, and Switzerland, fielding a team of young, inexperienced riders, finished a deserving third.

The hero of the Irish team, who last won the event in 1984, was the stylish army rider, Captain John Ledingham, on Gavhran, who was the only one to have a double clear round. But with Capt Gerry Mullins having just four faults on his 18-year-old hero Rockbarton, and Eddie Macken on Carrolls Flight, and Jack Doyle on *Hardly, both on top form, the* Irish looked invincible from the start. They now look certain to send a team to this month's European Championships.

At the half way stage Ireland were in the lead on four faults with Great Britain second on 12, their only clear round coming from John Whitaker on Next Milton, winners of Thursday's main class.

Nick Skelton and Michael Whitaker, both competing for a place in the team for the European Championships, made a convincing start to the second round with clear rounds *on Raffles Apollo and Next* Warren Point respectively. But Ireland had already scented victory. Ledingham produced his second clear followed by a faultless round from Doyle. Just one more round of four faults or less and Ireland would seal the victory.

Even though the last fence fell, the cheers which accompanied Rockbarton through the finishing post left Mullins in no doubt that he had clinched this morale-boosting victory for Ireland.

RESULTS: Bank of Ireland Nation Cup: 1, Ireland: 8½pts; 2, Great Britain: 16; 3, Switzerland: 20¾; 4, Australia: 24; 5, France: 24½. Standings in the Gucci Trophy (formerly The President's Cup): 1, France, 26.5pts, 2, Great Britain, 23; 3, United States, 15. British Teams: Raffles Apollo (N Skelton), 4 and 0; Next Warrant Point (M Whitaker), 8 and 0; Countryman (D Broome), 16 and 4; Next Milton (J Whitaker) 0 and -.

● Locko Park, Derbyshire, returned to the forefront of the horse trials scene yesterday to stage the new Intermediate and Novice Championships.

Piper Champagne Intermediate Championships: First day

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Pakistan's ship comes in on a Mexican wave

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

THE OVAL: Pakistan have scored 616 for six against England.

Any lingering doubts the Pakistanis may have harboured on Thursday evening about winning their first Test series in England disappeared yesterday when they took their first innings in the fifth Test match, sponsored by Cornhill Insurance, to 616 for six, of which Javed Miandad made 260. Only three wickets fell in the day and no one was out without having first passed a hundred.

All hopes of a faster pitch than usual have come to nothing, due partly, of course, to the wet summer. Within a quarter of an hour of the start of the match on Thursday, it had become probable that if Pakistan batted anything like as well as they can they should score enough to make them secure from defeat.

In the event, England themselves soon seemed resigned to that and yesterday they were without the services of Foster, prevented from bowling by a strained side.

For 20 minutes before tea, with Gatting on at one end and Moxon at the other, Javed and Imran must have known that their ship had come in. For the fourth wicket Javed and Salim Malik had added 234, the second largest partnership made for Pakistan against England; then, for the fifth wicket, Javed and Imran put on 191.

Pakistan's total is their highest against England and Javed's own score the second highest, 14 behind Zaheer's 274 at Edgbaston in 1971. This was Miandad's fourth double hundred in Tests, a number equalled or bettered only by six others. Needless to say, Bradman is out at the head of the field.

Javed had batted for 10 hours 25 minutes and hit 28 fours and a six when, rather tiredly, he gave a low return catch to Dilley.

Just as they had on the first day, Pakistan found some easy pickings in the early overs. Off Dilley's first, for example, Salim Malik took 13. Runs poured out of the leg side until I wondered whether England's bowlers had come straight from the breakfast table.

Golfers with a teeing-off time at 8 a.m., in what in their world would correspond to a Test match, are on the practice ground at 6.30 to try to be sure that their opening drive bisects the fairway. Yesterday had Dilley been loosening up in the nets? Because in his thirtieth Test match, after bowling 17 overs the day before, he should have made a more accurate start than he did, even with a sore ankle.

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Except when he forgot that he is a rather portly 32 and not 25, and tried to induce batsmen's errors by bowling short, Botham was more economical and when Malik moved into the 90s he was made to work for his 100, his sixth for Pakistan and second against England.

Having got out at 99 in the Headingley Test, he was going to make no mistake this time. His other 100 off the England bowling (Foster, Dilley, Nick Cook, Marks, Gatting and Fowler) was at Faisalabad, where the best of the Pakistanis can make runs in a blindfold. The news that the Test match scheduled for Sialkot this winter has been switched to Faisalabad is not what England were hoping to hear.

Because of the time the bowlers took to settle down, and the usual absence of a third man, the first hour yesterday cost England more runs — 60 off 15 overs — than anyuntil the fifth. Their one success was Malik's wicket after 80 minutes' play when he flat-batted a wide ball from Botham straight to cover point.

When Imran, who replaced Malik, pulled his first ball, a Botham long hop, for three and drove his third, from Emburey, for six, England may have wondered whether they were not better off with Malik; but that was not, in fact, as Imran was to continue.

Rather than hounding and harassing England through the afternoon, Pakistan scored only 94 in 34 overs between lunch and tea. At around 3 p.m. there was some mild barracking and after tea the Mexican wave appeared, a nasty, litter-laden version. By then Imran was moving inevitably to his first hundred against England, a high-class, untroubled innings that lasted for four hours 20 minutes.

At the close of play on the second day of the Timeless Test against Australia in 1938, when Hutton made his 364, England were 634 for five, the tea interval having been slightly extended through rain. But Pakistan have a long way to go to the 903 for seven at which England declared then.

I like to think, anyway, that they will want to be bowling before lunch today. When the time does come it will be interesting to see how England's batting compares with Pakistan's bowling and vice versa. There should surely be some England hundreds in the offing.

But England were probably happier now not to have to start their innings last night while weary after so long in the field. Dilley, in fact, was just about to go off when he removed Miandad. With three balls of an over left, he cut down his runs and at once held a juggling caught-and-bowled. He had bowled 19 overs, which was a useful effort in the end.

Emburey's 28 overs for 56 runs in the day were creditable and Botham kept going well, besides contributing a fierce shy to throw out Imran as he went for a fourth run. Radford had given chase to the third-man boundary and Botham had come by the ball by backing him up. It was to England's credit, too, that they have bowled neither a wide nor a no-ball in two days. But the overriding impression has been of a task beyond them.

THE OVAL SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN won toss

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FIRST INNINGS

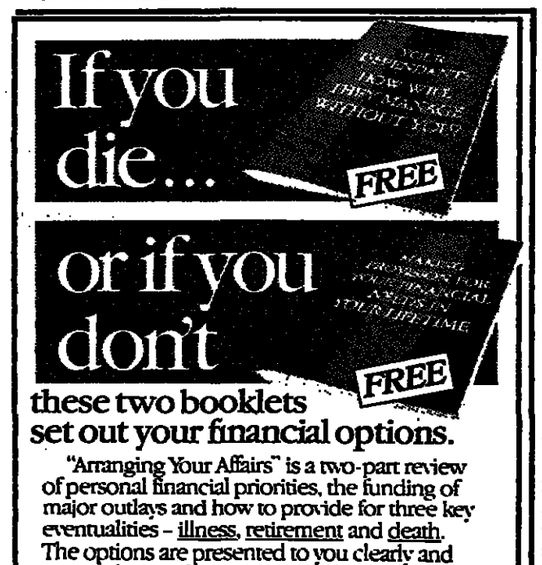
		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
MUDASSAR NAZAR c Moxon b Botham	73	-	8	174	142
RAMIZ RAJA b Botham	14	-	2	40	25
MANSOOR AKHTAR c French b Dilley	5	-	1	10	10
JAVED MIANDAD c and b Dilley	260	1	28	617	521
SALIM MALIK c Gower b Botham	102	-	6	267	237
*IMRAN KHAN run out (Radford/Botham)	118	1	11	256	201
IJAZ AHMED not out	22	-	3	48	30
†SALEEM YOUSUF not out	6	-	-	19	16
Extras: b 2, lb 14.	16				
Total: (6 wkts, 197 overs)	616				

Wasim Akram, Abdul Qadir and Tauseef Ahmed to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40 (2); 2-45 (3); 3-148 (1); 4-382 (5); 5-573 (4); 6-601(7).
BOWLING: Dilley 36-8-127-2; Foster 12-3-32-0; Botham 46-6-180-3; Emburey 56-10-125-0; Edmonds 32-8-97-0; Gatting 9-2-12-0; Moxon 6-2-27-0.

ENGLAND

B C Broad, R T Robinson, M D Moxon, D I Gower, *M W Gatting, I T Botham, J E Emburey, †B N French, N A Foster, P H Edmonds and G R Dilley.

Umpires: D J Constant and K E Palmer.



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By leaps and bounds: Gower provides the leaps as Imran bounds to a new high with his century (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Floyd in early half-way lead

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

Raymond Floyd captured the early half-way lead in the 69th US PGA Championship with a second successive round of 70 on the PGA National course here yesterday.

Floyd, who lives at Indian Creek on Miami Beach, once again demonstrated his ability to cope with the oppressive conditions. He dropped shots at only two holes which means that he has now made only three scoring errors in 36 holes. It is an excellent achievement on such a terrifying course.

The key to overcoming the PGA National course is to remain on the straight and narrow as any excursion to the rough is usually severely punished.

Greg Norman, surprisingly was one of the most notable victims as he began by dropping a shot at the first and another three at the next where he took seven. Thereafter Norman, who was out in 41, struggled in vain to arrest his decline. He finished with a 78 for a score of 151.

Nick Faldo began with a birdie at the first hole from 20 feet. However, he dropped shots at the seventh, where he missed the green, eighth where he drove into the rough, and he was eventually compelled to settle for a round of 73 and a half way aggregate of 146. "I'm satisfied with that," he said. "It's a question of survival in this heat. I was drained after 12 holes and it's difficult to keep your concentration. But you've got to do that because if you waiver then you will run into trouble."

Meanwhile, Larry Mize and Scott Simpson, the reigning US Masters and US Open champions respectively who were Faldo's playing partners, finished no fewer than 12 over par and seven over par.

Floyd's marksmanship could rarely be faulted as he moved towards a four under par half way aggregate of 140 which earned for him a slender lead of one shot over Tim Simpson. Severiano Ballesteros and Ben Crenshaw each took 70 to finish with scores of 142.

Bobby Wadkins, the first round leader following a 68, was among the late starters along with Bernhard Langer, Tom Watson, Curtis Strange and Larry Nelson, who all took 70 on Thursday.

Floyd eased his way to the front only 14 months after becoming the oldest player in the history of the game to win the US Open Championship. He was 43 years and eight months old when he put together a final round of 66 to win the title at Shinnecock Hills.

Floyd won his first US Tour event in 1963 since when he has triumphed on 21 occasions on the circuit as well as winning the Million Dollar Classic in 1982. His victories include the US PGA Championship in 1969, the US Masters in 1976 and the US PGA Championship again in 1982 when he was one month away from celebrating his fortieth birthday.

In fact the US PGA Championship has on several occasions in recent years developed into a trip down memory lane. Jack Nicklaus won the title for a fifth time in 1980 after some eighth months after his fortieth birthday in 1984 Lee Trevino, then aged 44, edged out the evergreen Gary Player and one year later it was the turn of Hubert Green, aged 38, to move past Trevino.

EARLY SECOND-ROUND LEADING SCORES (US unless stated): 140: R Floyd, 70, 70. 141: T Simpson, 71, 70. 142: S Ballesteros (Sp), 72, 70; B Crenshaw, 72, 70. 143: M McCumber, 74, 69; B Clampett, 71, 72. 144: J Haas, 74, 70. 145: M Sullivan, 73, 72. 146: N Faldo (GB), 73, 73; P Blackmar, 74, 72; J Cook, 76, 70; R Malthie, 74, 72. Others: 147: C Stadler, 75, 72; F Zoeller, 76, 71; N Price (SA), 76, 71. 148: M O'Grady, 78, 70. 149: B Tway, 78, 71; T Kite, 72, 77. 151: G Norman, 73, 78.

Miandad's revenge timed well

By Alan Lee

Javed Miandad's monumental innings was ominously foreshadowed on Wednesday afternoon. Mike Gatting, perhaps unwittingly, was unwise enough to draw attention to the fact that Miandad had not made a significant score in this Cornhill series and the little maestro, who enjoys nothing better than making opponents look foolish, was never likely to allow that one to go unpunished.

England had been living in fear of this all summer, but Miandad chose the moment of maximum impact. His runs put an England victory beyond even Bothamesque miracles and, as the realization dawned, the Pakistan dressing room became a den of noisy relief. The series was won, the job all but done.

It had been evident on Thursday night that Miandad's plans stretched far beyond the century already in his pocket. "I am hungry for runs," he reported, "and I see tomorrow as one of Pakistan's most vital days."

At 30, Miandad certainly has the world at his feet. Whether or not one rates him the No. 1 batsman, his Test average of 54.35 places him among the peerage. In 86 Tests and 133 innings, he has scored 6,251 runs, and this was his fifteenth hundred, although it failed to beat his highest score, 280 not out against India at Hyderabad in 1982-83.

Less easy to assess is his popularity level. He often provokes admiration and irritation in roughly equal volumes; he has probably been involved in a dubious incident for each one of his Test centuries.

Unarguably an agitator on the field and a politician off it, Miandad can still be portrayed in unfairly black terms. Even in county cricket, he was a skilled and willing adviser to the less-gifted, a role he still plays now at national level. Team colleagues say his moods range from introspective silence to rowdy good humour, but his latest dressing room mission is intriguing.

At a time when he stands to inherit the Pakistan captaincy again, Miandad is devoting himself to persuading Imran to postpone his retirement. He says he did not enjoy his two previous spells in the job and that he is convinced this Pakistan side could become a major power if only Imran will stay on.

Jarrett underlines Britain's short-distance eminence

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Anthony Jarrett fulfilled all the expectations inherent in his winning the United Kingdom senior title in May when he won the European junior high hurdles in 13.72sec in Birmingham yesterday.

Like Jamie Henderson's win in the 100 metres the previous day, Jarrett is consolidating a recent phenomenon in British athletics, a Harrier nation becoming dominant in sprints and hurdles.

Henderson was the third successive British winner of the short sprint, and Jarrett followed Jon Ridgeon and Colin Jackson, who won the world junior event last year, to the title.

But Jarrett's victory was not without trepidation. He maintained afterwards that he had never been headed in the race, following an impressive semi-final victory. But Florian Schwarthoff certainly gave him a hard time. At 6ft 7in, the West German is the tallest hurdler in the world. But his height did not affect his co-ordination until he had tracked Jarrett across the 10 barriers. Then Schwarthoff stumbled and gave Jarrett a free passage to the line, while he fell through it, and beat the track in frustration.

But he was not going to catch Jarrett, who, but for a hamstring injury four weeks ago, might have improved rather than equalled his personal best. Paul Gray underlined Britain's current preeminence when he finished third in 14.16sec.

The 400 and 800-metre men look to have more prospects for medals today. Peter Crampton won his one lap semi-final in 47.93sec, the second fastest of the day, while Gary Patterson qualified in the second race, in 48.37sec. And both Johan Boakes and Kevin McKay looked very comfortable in qualifying for the 800 metres final.

● It now looks as if both Steve Cram and Steve Ovett will compete in Koblenz next Thursday, the night before the Miller Lite/IAC meeting in London. David Bedford, the IAC chairman, had given priority to the British meeting. But Ovett wanted to run both meetings, at probably 1,500 metres and the mile, while Cram could refuse to run in London after an argument with Bedford three years ago.

MEN

800 METRES: First quarter-final: 1, S Benfares (Fr), 1:54.06. British placing: 2, K McKay, 1:54.15. Second: 1, A Adam (WG), 1:52.53. British placing: 2, J Boakes, 1:52.70. Third: 1, V Terrier (Fr), 1:52.69.

110 METRES HURDLES (final): 1, A Jarrett (GB), 13.72; 2, F Schwarthoff (WG), 13.81; 3, P Gray (GB), 14.16.

POLE VAULT (qualifiers for final): 1=, M Schroder (EG); R Barabechov (USSR); G Beda (It); J Lahtonen (Fin); K Jelinek (WG); J Flauhanlemi (Fin); G Iapichino (It); M Edwards (GB); P Bagyula (Hun); I Iamtchevski (USSR) and P Johansson (Swe), all 4.90m; 12=, T Tomaszewski (Pol), C Paliikis (Gr) and M Amann (WG), all 4.80.

HAMMER (final): 1, J Hubner (EG), 72.10m; 2, A Krykoun (USSR), 70.92; 3, C Dethloff (WG), 69.30. British placing: 13, G Cook, 56.16.

WOMEN

400 METRES (qualifiers for final): First semi-final: 1, U Rohlander (EG), 54.34; 2, D Plescan (Rom), 54.99; 3, U Alge (Austria), 55.23; 4, J Merino (Sp), 55.54. Second: 1, S Fabert (EG), 53.91; 2, L Kasabaka (WG), 54.33; 3, T Goddard (GB), 54.88; 4, M Sloenis (Neth) 55.33.

100 METRES HURDLES (final): 1, B Wolf (WG), 13.34sec; 2, A Espetvedt (Nor), 13.39; 3, H Fernstrom (Swe), 13.52 secs. British result: J Agyepong did not finish.

10,000 METRES (final): 1, B Jerschebek (EG), 33min 44.37sec; 2, L Alexseeva (USSR), 33:54.59; 3, A Choumelko (USSR), 34:43.37.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Kennedy pays price

The Football Association has imposed the biggest individual fine of £5,000 on Mick Kennedy, of Portsmouth, for bringing the game into disrepute in newspaper articles claiming that he "took no prisoners" and accused top players of being "chicken."

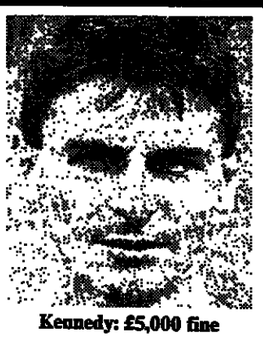
Kennedy must pay £3,000 immediately and has £2,000 suspended for two years.

Charity gear

The Tour de France bicycle of Stephen Roche, the first Irish winner, will be auctioned this weekend to aid a hospice

Bates beaten

Jeremy Bates, the British No. 2 was defeated 7-6, 3-6, 6-1 by Nick Fulwood in the semi-finals of the Charlie Brown's Ilkley Open tennis championship.



Kennedy: £5,000 fine

Aid to Cardiff

Cardiff has been given an assurance of Government support in its bid to host the 1994 Commonwealth Games from Mr Ian Grist, the Welsh Office Minister. A two-man delegation for Cardiff at the African Games in Nairobi has also pledged support from many African countries before a decision is taken in Seoul next year.

Hearns target

Thomas Hearns, of the United States, has relinquished his World Boxing Council light-heavyweight championship in his attempt to become the first winner of four titles when he fights Juan Domingo Roldán for the vacant WBC middleweight title on October 29 in Las Vegas.

Title chances

Dave McAuley, the British flyweight champion, has been given the right to challenge Duke McKenzie and Salvatore Curcetti, of Italy, must defend against Najib Daho, the British super-featherweight champion, the European Boxing Union decided yesterday.

Bon Bombini

Emanuele Bombini, of Italy, rode to a solo victory yesterday in the second stage to Wiamea, Hawaii, in the Coors International cycle classic.

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Kiwis hold daunting advantage

By Barry Pickthall

Britain's three-boat Admiral's Cup team set out today from Cowes on the 605-mile Fastnet race facing the Herculean task of overcoming the daunting 109-point lead held by the New Zealanders.

In effect, the James Capel British team, made up of Graham Walker's Indulgence, the Alan Gray-owned Jamarella and Mike Peacock's Juno, have to beat their New Zealand counterparts by a total of 22 places to secure the trophy that has eluded them for the past six years.

Nothing is impossible as previous Fastnet races have proved, but with Bevan Woolley's Propaganda leading the individual points scores, followed by Kiwi, skippered by Peter Walker, fifth, and Goldcorp, the Rick Dodson-skippered One-tonner, seventh, the New Zealanders have their tails up and will be difficult to beat.

Americans all at sea. page 36

Maradona's arrival ends doubts

Diego Maradona finally ended weeks of speculation by arriving in a private jet last night at Stansted Airport in time for today's Wembley showpiece (Ian Stafford writes).

Maradona had been uncertain of playing from the moment the game, to celebrate the Football League's centenary, was first devised, but with the Argentinian's presence confirmed, Terry Venables, the manager of the select World XI to face Bobby Robson's Football League team, said: "I want him to play as he did in the World Cup. Watching him gave me goose bumps."

On arriving, Maradona left immediately to stay in a private hotel, away from his team colleagues to prepare for a game the Football League, Wembley Stadium, this country and half the world have waited for him to play.

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END COLUMN

League's super begging bowl

By David Miller

It is revealing to reflect, when confronted with the child-like and tedious indecision by Maradona over the Football League centenary match today, that Ferenc Puskas, Jim Baxter and Uwe Seeler were delighted to come to Wembley in 1963 for the FA centenary . . . as reserves.

In a World XI which included Yashin, Djalmar Santos, Schnellinger, Law, Di Stefano and Gento, the three came on as replacements for Eusebio, Masopust and Kopa. I do not recall Ocwirk, the omniscient Austrian wing half, Kubala and Nordahl, great players of their time, demanding money to play for the Rest of the World on England's ninetieth anniversary.

It would be hard to imagine an historic celebration more clumsily handled than that which should have been a dignified moment for the oldest of leagues. The nonsensical pleadings with Maradona have only served to convince a public, already sceptical about greedy footballers, that the match is not worth watching unless he is playing.

The League should have had the propriety to resist begging with Maradona's agent, offering an inflated fee. With Platini, Lineker, Futre, that meteor of the European Cup Final, Belanov and Elkjaer on view, Maradona is not indispensable.

Sadly, the League, with so much prestige going for them, have handled the event like the opening of some supermarket. In a sign of the times, they have been preoccupied with "marketing" the event, to overseas television and to the public, scuffling to sell tickets for last night's dinner.

Wimbledon marked its centenary with a parade of past champions from Perry to Ashe — which was coarsely spurned



Law: legendary figure

by Connors — while the Rugby League, for its fiftieth Wembley Cup Final two years ago, invited back 50 of its former heroes, Billy Boston, Gus Risman, Alex Murphy and the rest.

Have football administrators lost all sense of style? With the bribe they are offering Maradona they could instead have staged, rather than the under-16 curtain-raiser against Denmark, a veterans' match between representatives of the famous European Cup teams of the 1970s.

Why not have had a roll-call on the pitch of the legendary figures of the League's past: Matthews, Carter, Cullis and Mercer from before the war, Carey, Wright, Bobby Charlton and Blanchflower, Moore, Law, Greaves and a host of others?

If tickets were going slowly, why not, in addition to the half-price concession (ending yesterday) to schoolchildren, have offered a fourth ticket free to families buying three: seeing that League football so badly needs to regain family confidence.

My enduring memory as a teenager is of having seen the brilliance in 1953 of Cajowski, Boniperti, Kubala and Nordahl, just before the avalanche of the Hungarians changed our perspective.

I keep reading now about how ticket sales are flagging, or what somebody's agent has said. I would prefer to have heard how Bobby Robson and Terry Venables, today's managers, intended to play with two wingers either side of two central attackers, with three in midfield and only three defenders.

The advantage which the Football League, for all its administrative myopia over the years, still has over almost the whole of world football, other than maybe Brazil, is that it is renowned for its weekly action. That is why television stations in Scandinavia, Australia, Thailand and Hong Kong remain regular customers.

The most significant contribution which Robson and Venables could make to the reputation of the most famous league would be to provide a global audience this afternoon with football free of the inhibitions of fear.